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Southern hires former Truman head coach

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Head football coach John Ware talks with community members during a meet-and-great session at Young Gymnasium, Jan. 17. Ware replaced former coach Bill Cooke in a nationwide search.

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

As of Dec. 29 Missouri Southern ushered in a new era for Southern athletics.

John Ware, former head coach of Truman State University, was named as the new head coach for the University. At the press conference announcing Ware as the new coach, University President Julio León said Southern has spent years making itself an academic institution "that will not take a back seat to anyone, and now, athletically, we will no longer take a back seat to anyone."

Ware said it took him a while to decide to apply for the job at Southern. He wanted to wait until the end of TSU's season. Once he accepted the position, Ware said the phone started to "ring off the hook."

Ware said it is hard to determine how the players are reacting to him as head coach, because he has only had one team meeting. Cody Hilburn, junior tight end and physical education major, said he is happy with the decision to hire Ware.

"I get more excited each day that they are around — him and the new coaching staff," Hilburn said.

Hilburn was one of two football players involved in the selection process of the new coach. Sophomore inside linebacker Atiba Bradley was the other player involved. Hilburn believes the process went well.

"Looking at it from the public eye, it looks like we didn't get who we wanted," he said. "With Coach Ware getting his application in late, he is more than qualified for the job."

Wayne Neece, president of Stewart and Neece Land Surveying, said the community needs to support Ware. Ware said one of the reasons he took the position was because the community is "hungry for a winner."

"I felt like if we could ever get this turned around there would be a groundswell of support from the community," he said

Ware also said he became frustrated over the years with not being able to recruit students who would do well at TSU, because of the high academic standards at TSU. He said Southern has the same standards but would be able to get those students into the program at the University.

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Southern selects Russia as next themed semester

BY T.J. GERLACH
Managing Editor

Between being a former communist nation and the world's largest country, Russia attracts attention from people the world over — including Missouri Southern.

During the first week of classes for the spring semester, University President Julio León made the announcement that the fall 2004 semester will be the Russia Semester.

Dr. Julio León
University President

"Russia is one major power we (Southern) haven't studied or recognized yet," León said. "Russia should be an interesting semester."

He said past themed semesters have explored most of the world's major powers, such as China, Japan and the United States.

"I've always thought we should have a Russia Semester," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute for International Studies. "I just wasn't sure when it would happen."

He said he expected the Russia Semester because it has been nearly 15 years since communism fell and the nation still struggles with becoming a free-

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VP candidates to tour campus, meet students

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

The final four candidates for the vice president for academic affairs have been named.

Dr. Terri Agee, vice president for business affairs, sent out a campus-wide e-mail introducing the four candidates for the position along with profiles and interview schedules.

"We've had an excellent search process," Agee said. "We're very excited about the caliber of the candidates."

The candidates include: Dr. Betsy Griffin, Missouri Southern interim vice president for academic affairs; Dr. David Wilson, vice president for

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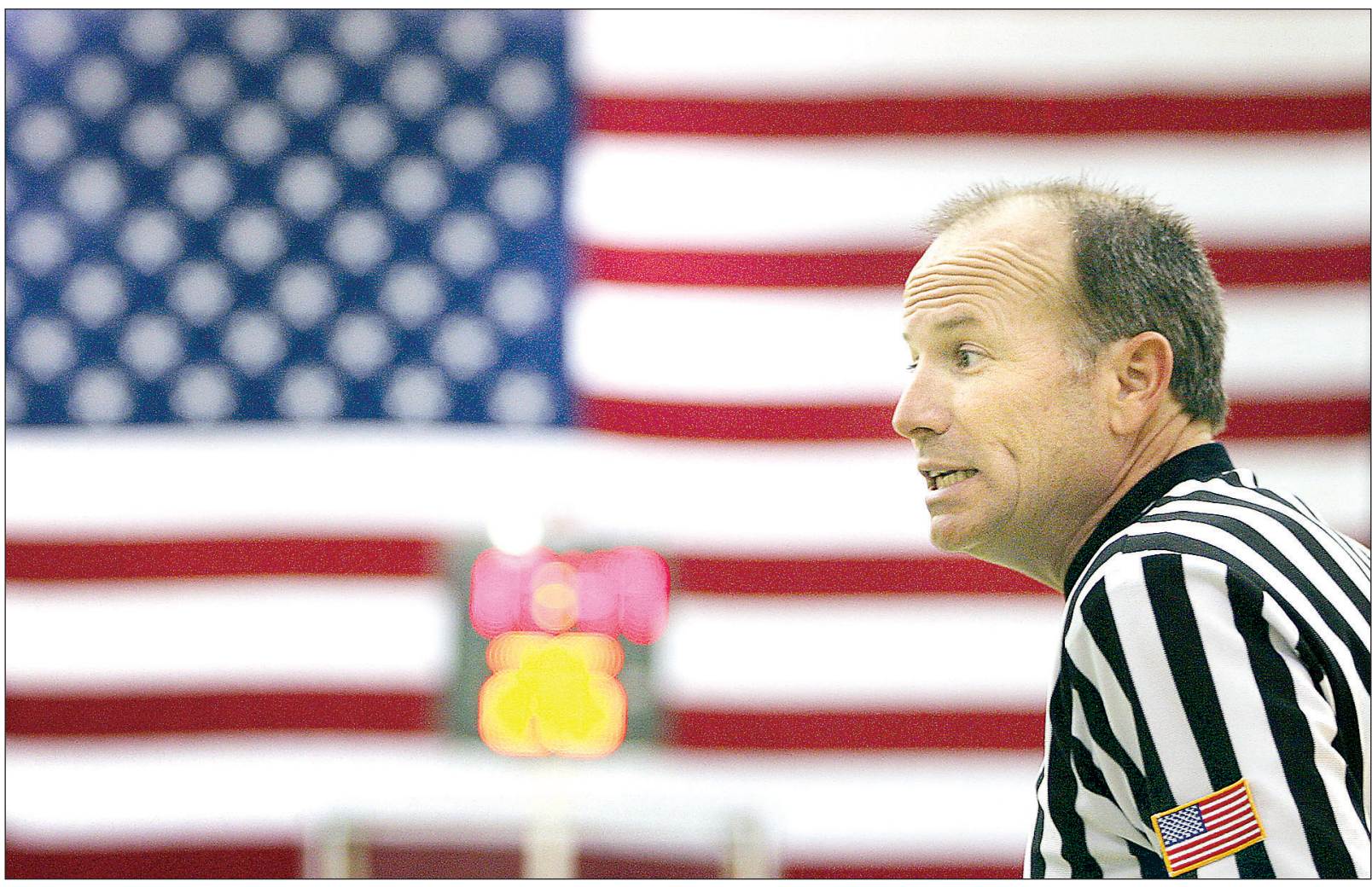
GOOD CALL



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Referee Randy Morrow officiates during the Jan. 12 women's basketball game at Missouri Southern. The women defeated the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats, 62-54. For information about the SBU game, check out the story on Page 12.

It's Showtime!

Iowa Caucus sets stage for Democrats

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE
Associate Editor

In the end, cold temperatures did not keep Iowans from the polls as voting in the Iowa Caucus kicked off the 2004 presidential primary season on Jan 19, with Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry riding a wave of rising poll numbers to upset front-runner Howard Dean.

Dean, who had been considered the man to beat for much of the campaign thus far, lagged in the polls in the days before the caucus, as questions of character and electability loomed in the media.

"Kerry fell way behind, it's a stunning comeback and a great story," said CNN's James Carville, who ran President Clinton's campaign in 1996.

"I think the media wanted the Dean story," said Dr. Richard La Near, the J.R. Kuhn professor of finance at Missouri Southern." They built him up higher than he deserved to be."

In the week leading up to the caucus, polls of likely voters indicated a four-way dead heat between Howard Dean, John Edwards, John Kerry and Missouri's Richard Gephardt.

On Caucus morning, a poll by Zogby International indicated 25 percent of likely caucus voters would support Kerry.

Dean, the former governor of Vermont, trailed Kerry closely with 22 percent, a difference within the polls.

Dean came in third in the race, trailing South Carolina Sen. John Edwards by 14 percentage points. Edwards came in second in the state with 32 percent of voters supporting him compared to Kerry's 38 percent according to totals announced by Iowa Caucus officials.

Jonathan BeVille/The Chart

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry, (D-mass.) embraces his wife, Theresa Heinz Kerry, after winning the Iowa Caucus Jan. 19. Kerry came from behind to win Iowa with 38 percent of the vote.

"Dean was unelectable," La Near said.

He said Kerry is a legitimate politician likely to run a more competitive campaign against the president.

Gephardt placed fourth capturing 11 percent of the vote.

Gephardt announced his

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SATURDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 58
Low: 39

SUNDAY

Cloudy

High: 53
Low: 37

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Senate plans prison visit

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

The Student Senate will have the opportunity to see Jefferson City Feb. 17-18 as part of its yearly capitol trip.

Senators have a tentative meeting with Gov. Bob Holden at 1:30 p.m. Feb 17. They will also tour the house and senate sessions.

On Feb. 18, the senators will visit the Jefferson City Correctional Facility for a tour.

"It's a one of a kind experience," said Zack Odem, Senate president.

Odem said it is important for the University senators to see the state legislature and visit with state senators to gain an insight to the actual workings of governments.

During the Jan. 21 Senate meeting, six new members were elected to fill open positions.

"Anytime we get more students in Senate, we gain more ideas," said Adam Griffin, co-adviser to Senate.

The openings are from senators who are traveling abroad, have graduated or have not kept regular attendance.

The Senate also saw the second session for its new co-adviser Josh Doak. Doak began the position during the first Senate session of the spring semester, Jan. 14.

Griffin said Doak will be at Senate meetings when Griffin cannot be there to advise.

At the Jan. 14 meeting, Darren Fullerton, director of campus recreation and wellness, gave a report on the state of the proposed recreation and health center.

The architects who will be designing the building are meeting with senators Jan. 28 during their usual meeting time.

All students are welcome to come to the meeting. Odem said it is possible for students to ask questions near the end of the meeting and if students want to guarantee a question, they should give the question to a senator because senators will be given priority during the meeting.

"(The building is) by the students and for the students," Odem said.

Odem said it is important all students have a say in the construction of the building.

Senate currently has $513 left in its budget after allocating funds to the Criminal Justice Student Association, Freshman Orientation and Student Missouri State Teachers Association.

Senate allocated $1,000 each to CJSA and Freshman Orientation and $355 to SMSTA.

At least two openings are still available for any student who wants to join Senate.

Governors approve new degree options

BY T.J. GERLACH
Managing Editor

New degree options were approved at the Jan. 14 meeting of the Missouri Southern Board of Governors.

A new option in criminal justice was approved, which will combine both the criminal justice and CIS majors. The Board said the computer forensics major will be "essentially a double major." Students in this area will focus on detecting computer crimes.

The governors also approved a bachelor of sciences degree in political science. The University already offers a B.A. in political science, but a B.S. will have a more "quantitative" focus and will better prepare students for graduate studies.

"I'm really interested to see if political science is a science or an art," said Dr. Charles McGinty, Board president. "I guess we'll find out."

Also at the meeting, University President Julio León spoke to the governors concerning his thoughts about this year's legislative session.

"The situation is similar to what it was last year," León said.

He said there is uncertainty about education and about how the governor and the General Assembly are going to work together during this session.

"We will not have an idea of what is possible until those differences (between the governor and the assembly) are resolved," León said.

"We're optimistic about the legislative session this year," McGinty said.

He said he thinks the governor and legislature will work together this year.

Dr. Betsy Griffin, interim vice president for academic affairs, updated the Board on some of Southern's graduate programs.

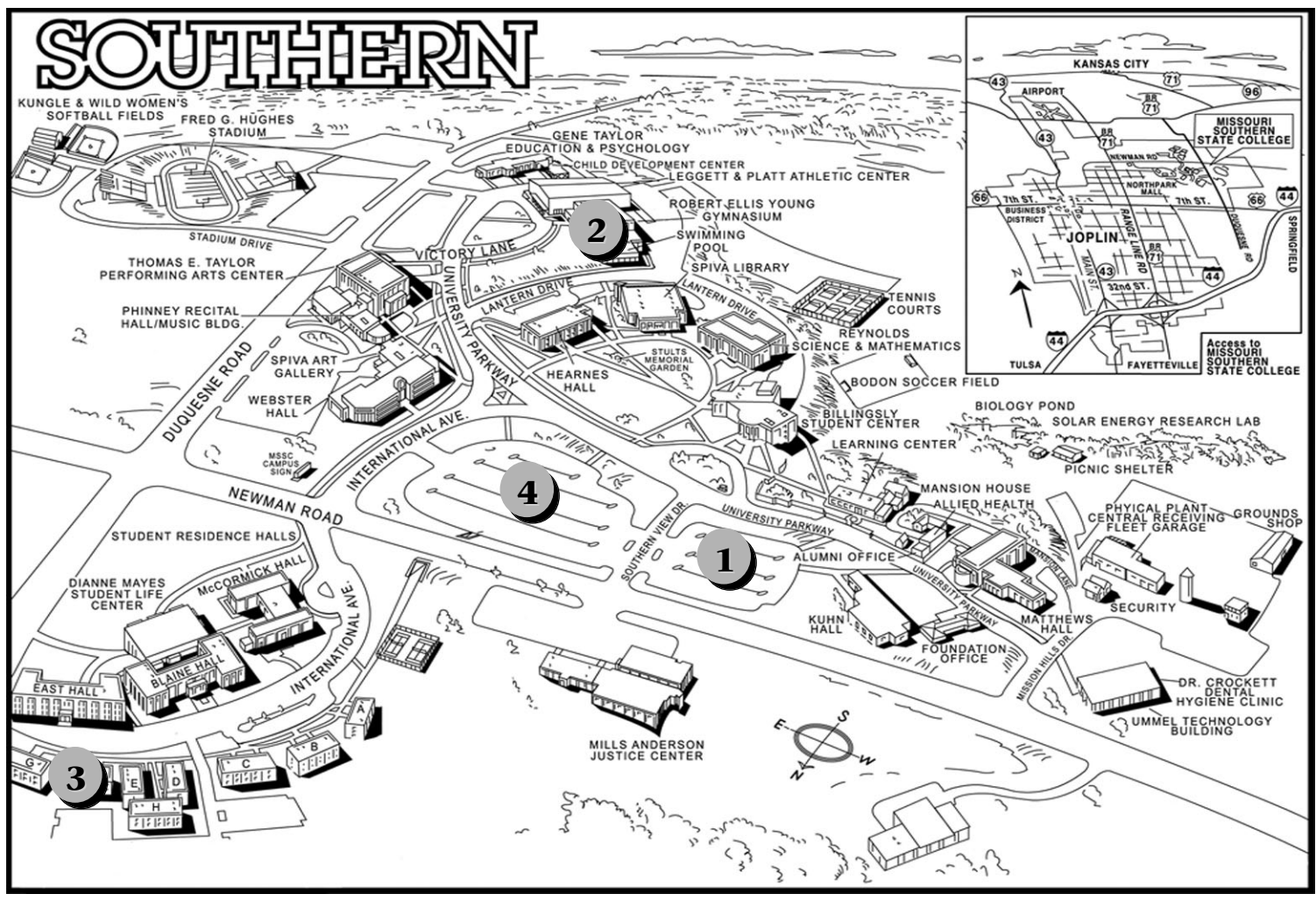
Master's degrees in both early childhood education and instructional technology have been submitted to the state's Coordinating Board for Higher Education for approval. These degrees will be offered in conjunction with Northwest Missouri State University.

Other proposals approved by the Board included updates in the areas of accounting, communications, physics and radiology. The radiology updates will bring Southern's program more in line with certification requirements.

The Board accepted and approved the hiring of the new football coaches as well as a new softball coach.

Dr. Robert Markman's, associate professor of history, request for retirement at the end of the academic year was also approved, "with regret."

Dr. Maryann Weber, professor of French, was approved a sabbatical for the fall semester of 2004 to work on a book and an autobiography.



Injured student walks before notifying security

1 Theft

1/16/2004

3:40 p.m.

A student contacted security stating her purse was stolen from her vehicle on Jan. 13. She told security when she left campus her purse was missing but believed she did not bring the purse with her to campus.

She later realized her purse was stolen because she could not lock her door because it was broken. The individual who stole the purse attempted to use the ATM card.

2 Vehicle Accident

12/20/2003

9:30 a.m.

A security officer was attempting to pull out of the circle drive in front of the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center when he was struck in the left middle side of the transport bus. The other vehicle was attempting to go around the bus not knowing it was about to pull out.

The driver attempted to place the car in reverse and move back. He was unable to before both vehicles collided.

3 Phone Harassment

12/17/2003

7:30 p.m.

Security was notified by a student that she was being harassed by a stranger on her cell phone. When security responded the individual told the officer to meet him at the local car wash. The individual would not identify himself or his location.

Later that evening the student notified security stating the individual called her dorm room phone. Security advised her they will attempt to tap the phone to determine who is calling.

4 Injured Person

12/11/2003

11:10 a.m.

Security was notified by a student who, while exiting his vehicle, slipped on the ice and bruised his knee. He then drove to Billingsly Student Center and walked to Reynolds Hall to call security.

The individual stated he did not want to go to the hospital but would appreciate it if he could get some ice on his knee. Security escorted the individual to Leggett & Platt Athletic Center where the staff wrapped his knee with ice.

Campus Calendar

Comparative Government class shows Latin American movie

On Friday, Ann Wyman will be showing *Romero* starring Raul Julia in Webster Auditorium. The movie is shown in conjunction with the Comparative Government course on Developing Countries.

The movie is about Archbishop Romero's nonviolent stand against oppression in El Salvador. The movie is free and open to the public.

Department makes applications available to teach internationally

Education students interested in student teaching in England need to pick up applications and turn the applications in by 5 p.m. Feb. 4. An informational meeting will be held at noon Jan. 28 in Taylor Hall, Room 113.

Teachers will be expected to complete five weeks of student teaching in Southampton schools. Students will earn comparative education credit, will be able to compare and contrast schools in England and the United States. For information one may contact either Gloria Payne in Taylor Hall, Room 238 or Keith Robertson, Taylor Hall, Room 224.

SWAN Web page gains new look for start of spring semester

The Web pages for the library catalog, SWAN, gained a new look during the break. The library faculty and staff are available to assist students with any questions or if students encounter difficulty navigating the site.

The Web address, information and all of the functionality remains unchanged, except for the new look of the site.

Persons may access the library catalog at http://swan.missouri.edu.

Taylor Hall plays host to student presenting senior honor thesis

Alicia Smith, senior elementary education-science major will present her Senior Honor Thesis at 4 p.m., Friday in Room 113 of Taylor Hall. The title of the thesis is Putting Theory into Practice? The Use of Inquiry-Based Instructional Strategies in Elementary Science Classrooms.

The study will seek to determine if a correlation exists between the type of instructional strategy used and the level of enjoyment and understanding exhibited among students. The study will also search for a relationship between the scientific background of the teacher and the instructional strategies used in the classrooms. The thesis presentation is free and open to the public.

Phi Eta Sigma asks for donations in annual Valentine's Day project

Phi Eta Sigma, the Missouri Southern Freshman Honor Society, is organizing a Valentine's Day project for the Lafayette House. The Lafayette House is an organization for individuals who are leaving violent and abusive domestic situations. Valentine's Day is hard on those leaving these situations and their children.

Those who go to the Lafayette House most of the time have no personal belongings or personal hygiene items. Phi Eta Sigma is planning on creating gift baskets filled with soaps, towels and everyday items. For the children, the organization will make Valentine boxes filled with candy, toys and school items. The honor society plans on delivering the baskets and boxes on Feb. 13 to the Lafayette House.

Phi Eta Sigma is asking for donations of money or items. Persons wishing to donate products may contact Melissa Locher in the Learning Center by Feb. 6.

Assessment day set in February, attendance by seniors required

Senior Assessment Day is scheduled for Feb. 18. Day classes will be dismissed, however, night classes will still meet as scheduled. For students who are enrolled only in night classes, an evening session will be held on Feb. 26. Students who are tested during this session will be finished in time for their evening classes.

Students who have 90 or more hours (including transfer students) and are completing a baccalaureate degree in either the spring, summer or fall 2004 semesters are required to participate. These students will be sent a letter of notification in early February.

Any graduating senior not receiving a letter should contact the Assessment Center in Matthews Hall, Room 321 or by calling at 625-9696 or 625-9349.

Administration reminds seniors of looming graduation deadline

The deadline to turn in the application for graduation in July is set for Jan. 30. Those seniors turning in an application late may not be able to finish in time for graduation.

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Enrollment figures fall from 2003

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

With a new semester beginning an old problem has arisen on campus — a drop in enrollment.

Although the official figures have not come in, administration expects a slight drop from the spring semester of 2003. Administration is not worried about the drop, but sees it as a trend. Dr. Delores Honey, assistant vice president for assessment and institutional research, said Missouri Southern is watching the trend, and it will turn around.

"I think it is an ongoing cycle that we are in, I think, that has come through several semesters," Honey said.

She said one reason she believes enrollment is down is because of the increase in tuition in fall 2002 from $102 per credit hour to $124 per credit hour. It was then increased last semester to $127 per credit hour.

Other administrators agree with Honey. Dr. Betsy Griffin, interim vice president for academic affairs, said she believes the increase in tuition hurt Southern's enrollment figures, and the drop is not something to worry about.

"We predicted a couple of years ago, when we changed some of our admission policies, that we would have a drop in our overall enrollment," Griffin said. "In addition to that change, the economy went sour and tuition increased. The college has been through those kinds of changes in the past."

Dr. Betsy Griffin
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

Honey also believes the A+ Program helped in the decrease in enrollment.

"I think the A+ Program had certainly impacted our ability to compete," Honey said. "It's hard to compete with zero. Zero tuition is very intriguing to a parent of a student who is about to be sent off to school."

Honey said the A+ Program was an act of legislation that allows high school students who have taken certain classes to apply for an A+ designation on their diploma. After graduation from high school, the student must go to college or a vocational or technical school. If this is done, then the student will be reimbursed by the state for tuition.

Because of the way the legislation was written Southern was excluded in taking part in this program, thus causing other colleges and universities to enroll students with no cost to the student. She also believes Southern's increasing academic standards have something to do with the drop.

"We don't have an open admission anymore," Honey said. "That is a different message you send to students in the area. Of course, 85 percent of our students come from the several counties around us."

Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, said because of the late registration going on the exact numbers will not be in until Feb. 6. Skaggs said there "won't be too many additions" from the late enrollment. Estimated figures have shown there is a drop of 330 students compared to the 2003 spring semester. In spring 2003 there were 5,188 students enrolled. The current 2004 estimates have 4,858 students enrolled.

"I think that is to be expected, because we were down more than that in the fall," Griffin said. "If you have a small fall, you will expect to have at least the same amount of drop in the spring. But we were not as far down in spring as in the fall, and that's a pretty good picture."

Honey said there is a bigger drop in part-time students enrolled in the University than full-time students.

"The part-time students are ones who more usually drop than the full-time students," she said. "Normally, part-time students come for one class or three, not as many as the full-time students. [They are] not as committed to school as the full-time students."

Skaggs said Southern is doing a number of things to help keep students enrolled and picking up prospective students.

"One of the things we've got for tuition is we've held tuition at the normal amount of increase," Skaggs said. "The residence hall fees have already been set for next year. Our scholarship programs have been revamped. I think they are more competitive for higher ability students."

Honey believes enrollment will come back up because Southern became a university and will be able to offer new master's degree programs.

Griffin also believes enrollment will come back up.

"I think we will recover enrollment as the economy gets better and as people get used to the new standards at the college," she said.

University loses long-time friend, benefactress

BY T.J. GERLACH
Managing Editor

One of Missouri Southern's oldest and dearest friends died recently.

Rebekah Blair Hughes died Jan. 9 in her home at the age of 86.

"She was a great lady," said University President Julio León. "We're really going to miss her because she really loved Missouri Southern."

Hughes's late husband, Fred, was involved with the creation of Southern.

"She was also interested and very supportive of Missouri Southern," said León, who first met the Hughes in the 70s.

Curt Betebenner, director of the Missouri Southern Foundation, said Hughes was interested in seeing both the University and its students succeed, as well as the well-being of the University.

"She was obviously a very caring person," he said. "[She was] very generous to the college."

"Fred and Rebekah were both very avid supporters of Missouri Southern since its inception," said Sue Billingsly, long-time friend of Hughes and Southern supporter.

Billingsly and Hughes had been friends since 1962, when Billingsly's late husband, Leon, became Missouri Southern's first president. At the time, Fred Hughes was the president of Southern's Board of Trustees.

After her husband's death, Rebekah Hughes continued her contributions to Southern.

"More than anything, she was supportive of her husband's efforts and the University," León said. "[She was] a regular financial supporter of the institution, and she and her family made contributions to the turf restoration project."

Billingsly said Hughes had a "quiet, soft-spoken manner" and that she was a "true and loyal friend."

"I really wish I had the chance to get to know Mrs. Hughes better," Betebenner said. "I can't do justice to what a nice lady she was and how much she cared for this University."

"She was a very intelligent, bright person [with a] warm personality," León said.

He said Hughes had a "great interest" in education, and especially journalism.

She created an endowment scholarship in journalism in her name to help communications students pay for their expenses and receive real-world experience by working at *The Joplin Globe*.

Betebenner said students have always appreciated receiving the scholarship, and it will continue in her name.

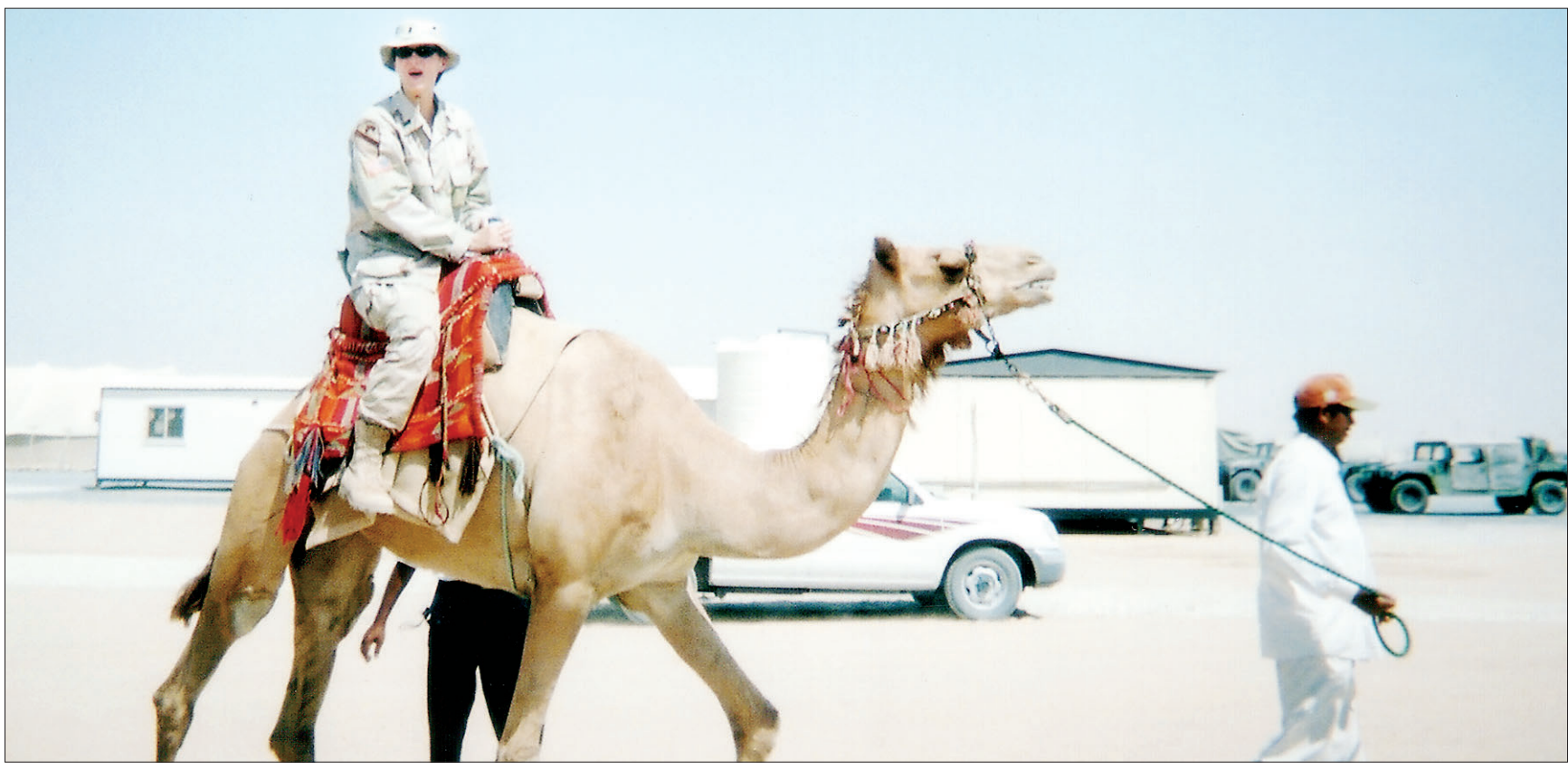
Aside from her involvement with the University, Hughes also served on the board of the Joplin Public Library for approximately 20 years.

Her involvement helped create the children's addition to the library.

In her last years, Hughes's health had begun to suffer, and she made it out of her home less often.

"I will miss this great lady," Billingsly said.

Serving in Iraq



Special to The Chart

Tammy Spicer, Southern alumna, rides a camel at her camp in Iraq. Spicer was deployed in June 2003 with the Missouri National Guard.

Technology helps maintain family connection

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Tammy Spicer loves her laptop computer.

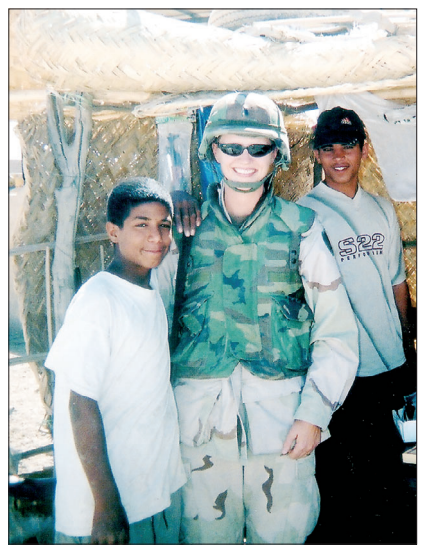
It's the one item she's been carrying around for nearly seven months, and it's that one item that she doesn't want to be without.

For Spicer, it's everything. Her computer enables her to stay connected with her family and especially her two children who are still too young to understand why mom isn't coming home anytime soon.

"My son is so young," Spicer said. "He won't even remember me when this is over."

Spicer, a Missouri Southern graduate in 1998 and former executive editor of *The Chart*, is currently deployed in Iraq with the Missouri Army National Guard. She's been there since June 2003.

Spicer has always been involved in the military. She joined the Army right out of high school and was in Desert Storm with the 1st Calvary. After active duty, she joined the Missouri Army National Guard 10 years ago.



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Tammy Spicer with an Iraqi child. Spicer has two children at home.

As involved as Spicer was with the military, it wasn't a surprise that she may be heading to the Middle East.

"I watched the situation develop with the rest of the nation," Spicer said, who corresponded through e-mail. "My family and I have always known I might have to deploy."

The 33-year-old mother of two had a hard time saying goodbye. It was tough with her husband, Brad, but it was especially difficult with her children.

"It was very hard to leave my family," she said.

As Spicer described it, every day is something new.

As an executive officer of her company, she spends time at base camp helping assist the company commander and manages the company staff. Most days she's able to sleep in a heated tent and is served three hot meals. On the road, however, warm tents and hot meals are a luxury.

"If I'm on the road for a transportation mission, I sleep outside on a cot," she said. "I put the cot under the trailer if we expect rain."

The Iraqi environment has been, for the most part, everything Spicer had imagined. Children are consistently on the roadside waving or begging for food and water. It's also the rainy season.

"The weather now is wet and rather cool," she said. "The rain creates a lot of mud in our region of Iraq and that is really difficult with our trucks."

Sue Spicer, Tammy's mother-in-law, has been at the Spicer home helping out whenever she can.

Whether it's babysitting or fixing a meal, she's willing to do anything to help the family.

"I enjoy the children very much," Sue said.

Sue said she was happy to help out around the house. Since her daughter-in-law is in Iraq, she knows it's the least she can do.

"I'm very proud of her," Sue said. "I know it's difficult for her to be away from her children."

Although the capture of Saddam Hussein hasn't affected Spicer's company in any great capacity, everyone around her was excited.

"I'm very impressed with our military's intelligence capabilities and the group that actually went in and found him," she said. "It's amazing that this man who had dozens of palaces across the country was found hiding in a hole."

There have been a handful of frightening moments. Her convoy has found itself lost.

"It's very frightening to be driving

TURN TO **IRAQ**, PAGE 10

Southern celebrates MLK Day with seminars, workshops

BY DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

Students weren't given a day off, but they were given a day to remember.

Celebrations and a memorial were in order on Jan. 19 in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The event exceeded expectations as students were affected and in attendance.

The idea was sparked in a Southern IMPACT meeting, where the group, along with the Campus Activities Board, planned a day of events in celebration of King.

Jason Givens, senior CIS major, heads IMPACT and the idea to add events to the annual breakfast.

"One of the things we were talking about is how we can make Dr. King's birthday more recognized here on campus," Givens said.

"Students said 'we need to do something,'" said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "This isn't just a normal day."

"I didn't go to school until I was 11 years old," said Herbert Brown, special education major. "Because of [Dr. King], I have the opportunity to pursue an education. Now, I have a relentless desire to learn."

Just one of many, Brown manned a booth outside of the day's two workshops celebrating the life of King. Other booths, put on by various campus organizations, remembered a different pioneer in the civil rights movement.

Highlighting the day was keynote speaker Sheyann Webb-Christburg, who spoke of her personal relationship with King as an 8-year-old, as well as her experience in the civil rights movement. Webb-Christburg was involved in "Bloody Sunday", a day in March where civil rights protesters were severely beaten by state troopers on a protest march from Selma, Ala. to the state's capital of Montgomery.

Students crammed into Webster Auditorium, some choosing to stand, to hear what Webb-Christburg had to say.

"Students said this was more of a celebration than a day off," Blackford said. "This paid 100 times more tribute to Dr. King than a day off."

The daylong symposium also included a breakfast.

Blackford estimated more than 100 were in attendance, most of that number being students.

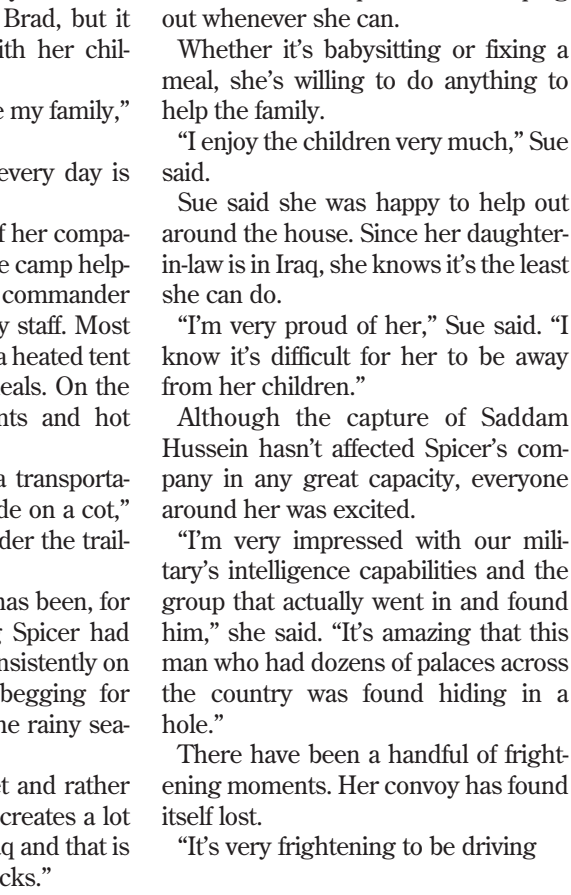
Blackford said the number was incredible, considering the breakfast was at 7 a.m.

More than 150 people attended the luncheon following the Webb-Christburg speech.

Along with the lunch were speakers and a short play.

"Today was the most recognized day here at Southern," Givens said.

"It was a collaborative effort. Our goal wasn't to get the day off; our goal was to make it more recognized. Our goals were met today."



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Sheyann Webb-Christburg spoke Jan. 19 on her experiences during the civil rights movement.

Editor's Column

Homemade jerky—harder than it looks

Jerry Manter
Editor-in-Chief

I figured I'd give it a try.

What's the worst that could happen? I've always loved beef jerky, but as you all know it's so flipping expensive. For about a cup's worth of jerky, you're looking at five or six bucks.

So, why not make my own at home?

Seemed easy enough. I did my research online and discovered it is possible to make your own jerky in an oven even if you don't have a dehydrator.

There I am, at the big Wal-Mart picking out cheap meat, seasoning and about a bucket's worth of generic-brand soy sauce.

Vegetarians would fall sick looking into my shopping cart. It was all about the beef that day, and I was having fun.

I had thoughts of friends asking for a piece, and eventually opening up my own business. Within months, I was sure to have 35 jerky factories up and down the United States.

The only problem was the name.

J's Jerky, I figured it had a nice ring.

As soon as I dropped my keys onto the kitchen table I got to work. I placed the meat in the bowl and got my hands dirty. Little soy sauce, garlic, pepper and wouldn't you know there was some salsa in the fridge. I figured that might spice it up a bit. (Note to self: in the future, don't add salsa to jerky recipe).

So, all together there was a few cups of soy sauce, liquid smoke (still don't know how smoke can be a liquid) garlic pepper, regular pepper, that dreaded salsa and a pinch of salt.

The next step was marinating the meat. I guess it's not a terribly exciting step in the meat making process, but for me, checking in on my bowl o' meat every 20 minutes in my refrigerator was fun.

I was beaming. My own beef jerky was slowly drying at a comfortable 150 degrees. For a few hours the apartment was drenched in jerky aroma.

As I opened up the oven, the heat hit my face hard. The meat smelled like jerky. It looked like jerky. It must certainly taste like jerky.

I tasted it.

It didn't taste like jerky. It tasted like dried meat. The texture was certainly there. I swallowed a few pieces to try and convince myself that I was eating actual beef jerky.

No luck.

The dream was gone. The custom-built European chair in my executive jerky office had vanished. The millions of dollars were gone. My cousin's best friend's sister's third grade teacher would stop calling and ask for money.

My jerky empire, but most importantly, my jerky legacy was gone.

Oh well. I still make good scrambled eggs.

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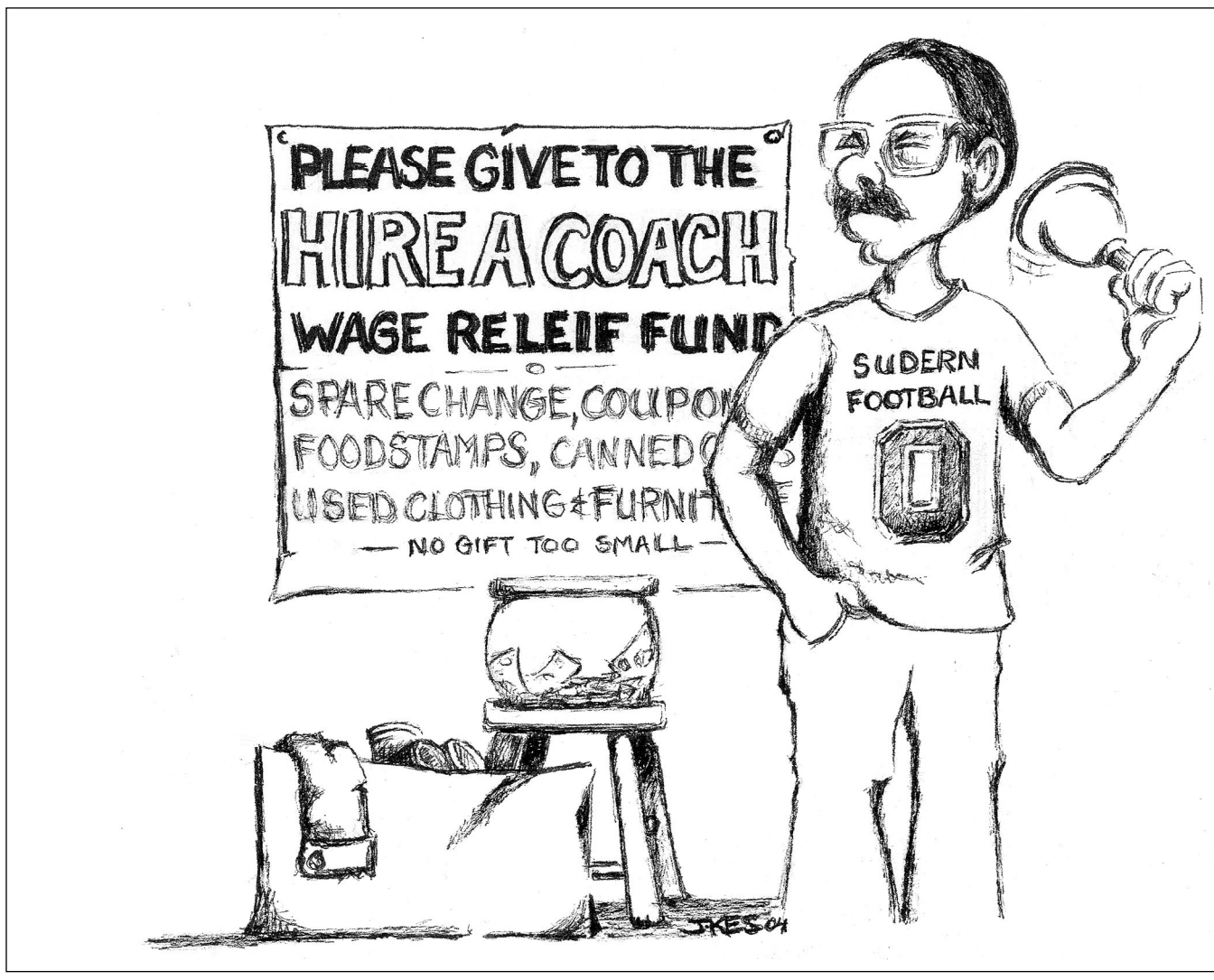


New coach deserves credit

Chart Opinion

A new year, a new coach, so who cares?

Anyone who attends this University should. John Ware is a fine coach who has garnered the support of not only the athletic department, but also the demoralized football players.

The University has suffered from a lack of student support for anything that remotely resembles athletics in the past. Let's not condemn him by comparison with the former coach's perpetually losing seasons. However, the student body should caution themselves from proclaiming Ware to be the new savior of the green and gold.

This is Ware's first season, and no one can expect miracles from him, not yet anyway. Let's give this guy a break, but keep asking questions about how our student money is being spent. This new coach's salary is $70,000 a year. That's a $8,200 increase in coaching salary during a time when our University is trying desperately to cut costs. This new salary is still a cut for the former coach of Truman State University.

Maybe we shouldn't buy into the cynical rumors that Ware is sub par because he was not in the top three finalists.

The athletic department contends that had his application been received in time he would have been included in the finalists.

It is possible the offered salary was responsible for the three finalists rejecting the offer to coach the Lions.

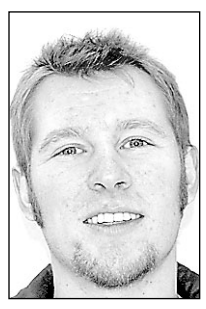
Regardless, let's welcome him with hope instead of cynicism for a new era of Southern Football.

Campus Voice BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

How will the new coaching staff affect Southern Athletics?

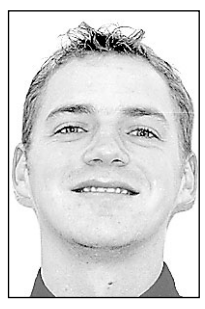
"Personally, I don't think anything is going to change. I have been here for five years and it does not seem to help with getting a new coaching staff. It is going to take team togetherness to work."

Daryl McLaughlin
Senior
Sociology
Major



"Maybe they will win some games this year. I think the coach will make a good improvement for the team. And with winning comes school spirit, so maybe a good community turnout will happen."

David Skinner
Senior
Biology
Major



"I've not heard much about the new coach but I think it's good they finally got one to replace the one that quit. As far as the team, we'll just have to wait and see."

Josh Stout
Senior
CIS
Major

"I don't really know anything about it but I hope they do much better this year as a team."

Brooke Womack
Freshman
Special Education
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"Hopefully they will have a better season."

Greg Salzer
Junior
Sociology
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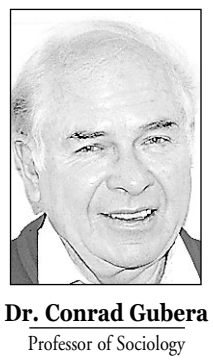
In Perspective

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: Reflections on a true American Hero



Dr. Conrad Gubera
Professor of Sociology

As we entered the second week of this spring semester, the first series of events to occur on campus have related to Dr. Martin Luther King's National Day of Recognition. There has been continued criticism of the University for not dismissing classes in honor of Dr. King on this national holiday. Regardless of this decision (or perhaps in spite of it), Dr. Al Cade has, over the years, sponsored and coordinated campus activities and events which recognize this genuine American hero. I think this year's schedule was the best ever. I was specifically moved by the 11 a.m. (Monday) program in Webster Hall which featured Sheyann Webb-Christburg in an inspiring and sensitive presentation. She shared her childhood memories and personal insights regarding the life of Dr. King and the civil rights movement of the early 1960s.

As I stood against the wall in the packed auditorium and carefully listened to her, I recalled my memories of Dr. King and his leadership and message.

The people I knew then were typically split in their opinions and reactions to Dr. King. There were the obvious ones, angry with the demonstrations and civil unrest, resisting the change which was occurring, and resentful of such a powerful speaker and leader; angry because meaningful social change was occurring and "people just don't know their place anymore." With these acquaintances there was little room for mutual discussion of issues. Among neighbors and former high school friends in my hometown there wasn't much admiration or respect. How different from the college friends and high school teachers I worked with; they were thrilled with the power and vision put forth in Dr. King's speeches which particularly empowered and emancipated America's black citizens I remember how we watched, spellbound, the coverage of the 1963 march on Washington, and the simple but eloquent oratory of Dr. King as he entoned, "I have a dream." It still resonates.

These memories and the day's activities (Monday's) motivated me to undertake a spontaneous class activity in the afternoon course I teach for the education department. This is a practical course (Methods of Teaching Social Studies in Secondary Schools) preparatory to student teaching in high schools. One of the requirements I stress in this course is a written review of the *National Standards for Teaching American History in Middle and Secondary Schools*. These standards, which were published 10 years ago (and endured the collective wrath of Rush Limbaugh, Pat Buchanan and Lynn Cheney), deemphasized the historical inputs of Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, etc. and sought to raise teachers' and students' consciousness about the many contributions made by women, native Americans and minority groups to American history. On Monday afternoon, I really wanted these student teachers to think not only about Martin Luther King, but also the others who had left their imprint on our nation. I wanted these future teachers to realize the opportunities in the social studies courses which through their teaching they could expand upon what this day means and help fulfill The national standards. With this end in mind, I asked each student to list five African Americans who had made recognizable contributions to American culture and should be brought to the attention of high school students.

I was pleased with the class responses. Their lists include the following names. How many of these do you recognize? George Washington Carver, Booker T. Washington, Frederick Douglas, Nat Turner, Harriet Tubman, W.E.B. DuBois, Thurgood Marshall, Loretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, Medgar Evers, Malcom X, Mohammed Ali, Jackie Robinson, Jesse Owens, Paul Robison, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Duke Ellington, Jack Johnston, Louis Armstrong,

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Euro gains strength against U.S. dollar

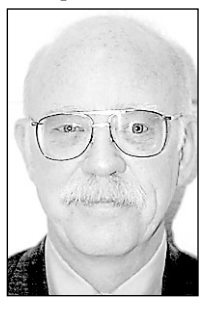
BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

In the world of currency sports, or economics, the Euro continues to pull away from the U.S. dollar.

The exchange rate on one Euro is at $1.25 as of Jan. 20.

What does this mean for U.S. markets?

Dr. Richard La Near, J.R. Kuhn professor of finance, said European imports will be higher for the United States and U.S. exports will be cheaper in European countries.



Chris Moos
Instructor of International Business and Finance

The same situation can appear in Japan, as the Yen is also weaker than the Euro at 134.43 Yen per Euro.

When the Euro made its debut in January 2000, the exchange rate was steady at slightly more than one U.S. dollar.

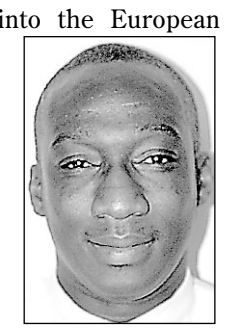
"It really is that the economy has become global," said Chris Moos, instructor of international business and finance.

La Near and Moos said the increase in Euro strength will shrink the trade deficit by allowing the United States to export more goods in comparison to imports.

La Near said the Euro has gained strength for two reasons. The first being that Europe has begun to sell more goods and the current U.S. interest rates are lower in comparison to other countries and periods in time.

Moos said there are several situations that can affect the strength of the Euro.

New countries entering into the European Union and trade growth in Europe can effect how the Euro stands in comparison to other currencies.



Dr. Nii Adote Abrahams
Assistant Professor of Business Administration

Dr. Nii Adote Abrahams, assistant professor of business administration, pointed out that the U.S. dollar is gaining strength again even though no exact projections can be made for upcoming months.

Students traveling abroad should also adjust their budgets to reflect the changes in the Euro because it has gained almost 10 cents on the U.S. dollar since November.

Moos said he too has made changes to his budget as he plans to take a group of students to Europe over the summer.

Illustration by Andy Tevis/The Chart

Students should not worry about the exchange rates too much.

"The dollar is accepted pretty much everywhere," Abrahams said.

Moos said the travel problems students could face in spite of the high exchange rate should only affect food and souvenirs because students will get less spending money for their dollar.

He said many times the housing and tuition for trips is taken care of by the institution where the students are studying at.

Volunteers help other communities while working overseas

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

If students are wondering what to do after graduation, the Peace Corps is looking for individuals willing to move overseas to work on various projects helping international communities.

Scot Roskelley, public affairs specialist at the Chicago regional office, said the Peace Corps provides other countries with volunteers who are willing to go to a specific region.

"Countries come to us and ask for certain skills," Roskelley said.

The Corps then matches people to the countries based on the regions the volunteers said they would like to go to when they signed up and the skills they have come out of college with.

"You need a four-year college degree to be competitive," said Jamie Diatta, recruiter at the Chicago regional office.

Juniors and seniors looking to go into the Peace Corps should start the application process early should they wish to go into a program right out of college. The process can take as long as nine months.

The 27-month programs are part of six different areas of work.

The areas are agriculture, business, health, education, environmental science and community development. Volunteers will have one main project to work on overseas, however, they may start their own secondary project while working in the field.

Roskelley said one individual in the Corps was sent to set up a 4-H Club as part of a country's agriculture programs.

The Corps also takes care of individuals' living expenses, insurance and health care.

"They (volunteers) won't be living the glamorous international life," Diatta said.

Volunteers live in the communities that request their assistance.

Diatta said the volunteers usually find the relationships they made during their stay to be the most memorable part of their experience.

Before volunteers go to a region, they are prepped and trained for situations that may occur while working in a community.

They are also taught language skills and given cultural instruction.

After volunteers complete a job overseas, they have the opportunity to reapply or extend the stay. After a volunteer leaves, the foreign government will give the volunteers first chance at jobs during the first year out of service.

"It's a growth experience," Roskelley said. "It really stretches your potential."

The Peace Corps also gives volunteers $6,075 for travel and living expenses after completing their service.

Missouri Southern students who wish to learn more about the Peace Corps will have a chance to hear Diatta speak March 2. She will also be at the Career Fair on March 3. Students are welcome to call her at 800-424-8580, option 1.

Students may visit the recruiter at the University of Missouri- Columbia.

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Bridging the GAP

Area youth center offers teen refuge

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

Normally 500 skateboarding junior high and high schoolers locked in one room on New Year's Eve, all hyped up on caffeine, is not a good thing. These workers don't seem to mind though.

Dan Mitchell, 29, Joplin, opened The Bridge Youth Center on Sept. 8, 1999, for area church youth groups. During that time he was the youth minister for Christ Church of Oronogo. He has always loved the youth he works so hard to serve and surrounds himself with workers who share in his vision.

Logan Greer, 22, Joplin, volunteered at The Bridge for a year before he was hired.

"I work here for the kids, I love them, I really do," Greer said. "A lot of them are going through some really hard stuff, and they don't have anybody, but they have somebody here."

The Bridge is best known for having one of the best skateboard and BMX bike parks in the area. But the center has something for everyone. It also offers pool and foosball tables, basketball hoops, a snack bar, a climbing wall, concerts and a big-screen TV for multiple person X-Box and Playstation tournaments. Center workers have also taken groups of youths to Kansas City to shop and Dallas to skateboard at eight different skate parks.

Since its inception, The Bridge has transformed itself into an all-ages area youth center.

"We don't want to seem on the surface like a Christian youth center," Mitchell said. "We just want to be a youth center that anyone would come to. Anyone can come here, they're all accepted for who they are. It's just a place to ride, to hang, climb, socialize and play X-Box and Playstation."

The center opened "Impact," a retail shop, November 2002. The non-profit store sells skateboards, inline skates and BMX bike parts, clothing and stickers. The store also functions as a full-service bike and skateboard repair shop.

"We don't have to charge tax so it's kind of nice to give the kids kind of a break," said Steve Wasson, sophomore graphics and studio art major, who works in the store.

Wasson became involved with The Bridge because of his background in BMX bikes. He has worked in various area bike shops for the last 15 years and volunteered at several extreme sports camps.

"I love BMX and here I get to keep in contact with that and hang out with the kids," Wasson said. "It's kind of what I love to do."

The center's workers care enough about their young charges to enforce tough safety rules. Signs cover the walls insisting that skaters "Wear Helmets at All Times," "Knee and Elbow Pads Recommended" and "No Food On Ramps." Some of the youth dislike the rules, but the workers say it is for their own good.

"You never put the kids' safety at risk just so they won't yell at you, because you could be a part of ruining their entire lives," Mitchell said. "So, you make them wear a helmet whether they want to or not."

Other rules deal with smoking, drinking, profanity and public displays of affection. Greer thinks the youth understand the reasoning behind the rules.

"While they don't like them [rules], I think they really do because it shows that somebody really cares about them," he said.

The Bridge has specific nights designated for junior high students and other nights for high school and college students.

The next event is a punk concert featuring Nothing Left to Lose, Fraggin' Monarchists, Flight 615 and Wide Awake at 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The cost is $5.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Tim Osborne, 17 of Carthage, rides during The Bridge's bike night, Jan. 20. The course can be used by advanced extreme sports fans or beginners. The center is used by an average of 500 individuals per week.

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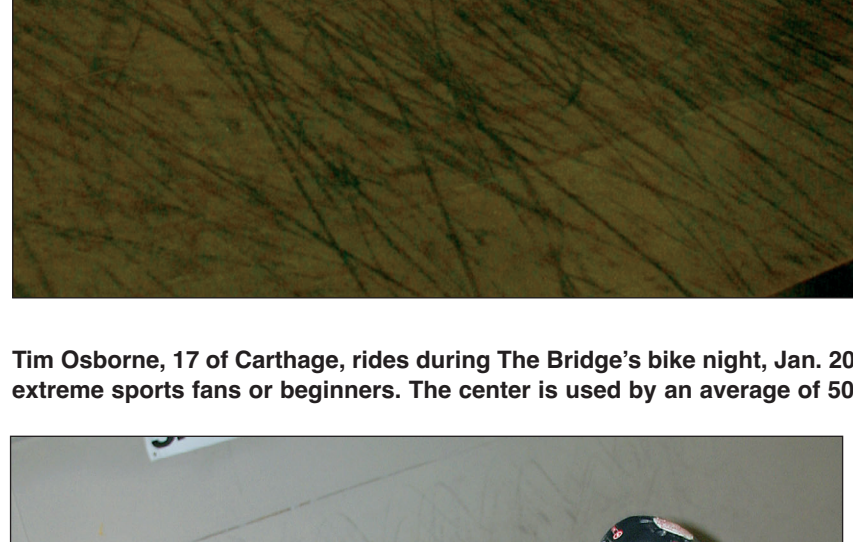
BMX bikers ride the course at The Bridge. Tuesday nights are strictly for bikes only.



(Left)
Spencer Guinn, 15 of Webb City, busts out a frontside air during bike night at The Bridge Jan. 20.
(Above)
Guinn wears his heart on his helmet, not his sleeve, with duct taped signs and stickers.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

MTV personality Carson Daly possible master of ceremony for talent competition

By David Haut
Public Forum Editor

The Campus Activities Board reconvened on Jan. 14 to discuss events for the upcoming spring.

CAB met again Jan. 21 to discuss events for the annual Spring Break Blitz week. Mentioned at the meeting was the possibility of MTV personality Carson Daly headlining as emcee for the annual talent show.

"I should know something in a couple of days," said Jason Givens, senior CIS major. "Nothing is set in stone yet."

All students are encouraged to enter the talent show. If Daly accepts the offer to come to Southern, auditions will likely be held.

"A lot of people could be drawn to the name," Givens said. "If a lot of people don't draw to his name, we won't do it."

If auditions are held, Givens and CAB aren't sure of the number of acts to be included in the show.

CAB Campus Activities Board

Another possible emcee for the show is comedian Ray Ellin.

The Board is also considering bringing Patch Adams, the doctor whose story inspired a Hollywood movie, to lecture at Southern.

The price of Adams would be almost $12,000, about half of his normal price.

"[He would come] around the end of April," said Julie Blackford, director of student activities. "Hopefully we'll find out by Friday or next week if he'll accept our offer or not.

CAB has had problems in the past with attracting student involvement. The group came to the consensus that students prefer free food to a guest lecturer.

Next Wednesday CAB will meet with the architects of the upcoming recreation center in room 313 of Billingsly Student Center. An open forum about the new recreation center will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday in the BSC lounge.

CAB meets at 2 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Student Activities Office on the second-floor of BSC.

The newest exhibit at the Spiva Art Gallery features the works of students from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri. For information read the story.

From left, Rachel Mastin, Sid McGregor, Rachel Weisensee, Jason Engstrom, Drew Fethers, Robyn Eddy, David Pearson, Maggie Phillips and Julie Krummel star in Southern's newest play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*.

Adam Fast/The Chart

True-story play conveys powerful message

BY DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

It's 1940 in Amsterdam, Holland, and young Anne Frank and her family are forced into hiding due to the persecution of the Jews during World War II.

The play *The Diary of Anne Frank*, written by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, is based on Anne's actual diary.

"This play is important because it has a message," said Jimmy Noriega, senior theatre and English major and director.

"A lot of shows you do for entertainment or for children," said Rachel Weisensee, senior theatre major and the play's title character. "This one you're hitting on a cause."

The story, told in the eyes of 13-year-old Anne, chronicles the lives of the Franks, a Jewish family forced into hiding to evade Nazi capture. Along with another family, the Van Daans, the Franks are forced to live a life of secrecy and sacrifice, a paradise compared to the cruelty most Jews were forced to endure. Over the many months, the pain of persecution and close proximity begin to take a toll, as well as the ever-present threat of being captured. Longing for a momentary escape, as well as a release of frustration, Anne turns to her diary.

"We're doing a real-life story," Noriega said. "No matter what, we can never fully grasp what it was like then."

Also adding to the feel and experience of the play, the cast traveled to the St. Louis Holocaust Museum and Learning Center, where the group had the opportunity to speak with two Holocaust survivors.

"Their message to us was, 'never forget,'" Noriega said. "That's why this play is important, because it has a message."

"We learned a lot more and gained a lot of appreciation about something that a lot of us didn't know very much about," Weisensee said. "You don't really realize what people go through until you actually hear them say it.

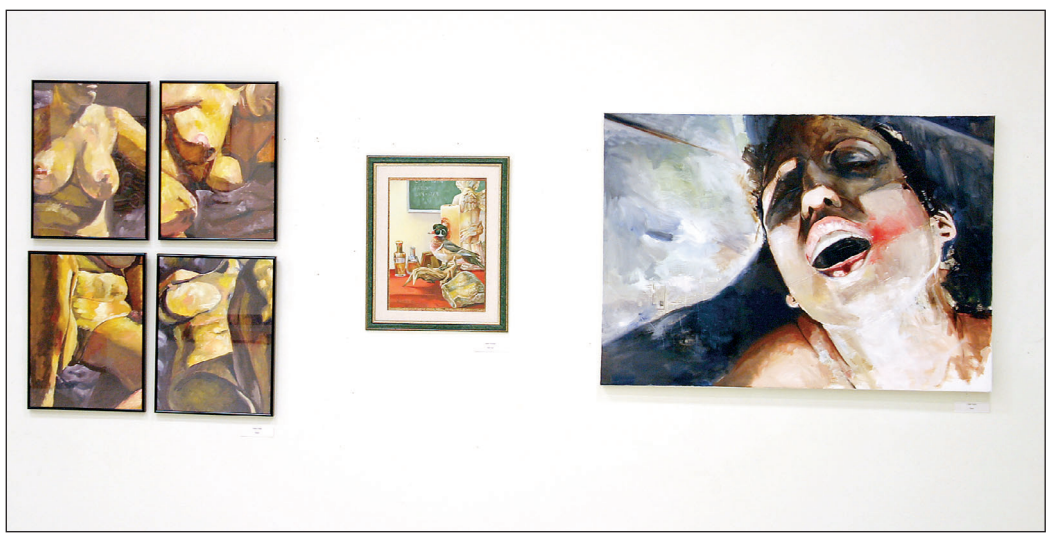
You can read books and see movies, but until you've got somebody in front of you saying, 'this is what happened' you can't really comprehend it. It helped me make a connection with Anne."

Although the play presented a challenge for Noriega and his cast of 14, the group stuck together.

"It's been a very big challenge," Weisensee said, "but at the same time it's probably one of the most enjoyable shows I have ever done, simply because it has a message behind it."

The hours of research and hard work came to an end when the play opened Jan. 20.

The play begins at 7:30 p.m. and runs through Saturday in the Bud Walton Theatre. Tickets are now available at the Theatre Box Office.



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The Four State Salon art exhibit features pieces from area students and runs through Jan 30.

Modern exhibit features work of surrounding area students

BY MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

Something strange is going on in the Spiva Art Gallery—alien machines are strewn across the floor and splashes of color decorate the walls.

"Pickled Egg Picker," "Burnt" and "Abstract Figure 13" are just a few of the pieces in the newest art exhibit at Spiva Gallery.

The second annual Four State Salon art exhibition invites undergraduate and graduate art students from Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri to submit pieces of all form.

The exhibit features wood and metal sculptures, jewelry, pencil sketches and canvas paintings. The styles range from realist still lifes to wildly colorful modern art.

All pieces had to have been created by the student in the past two years to be eligible for entry in the exhibit.

Area students entered 148 pieces and Dr. Mo Neal, professor of art for the University of Nebraska, selected 45 pieces to show.

Dr. Dewane Hughes, associate professor of art, has 14 of his students featured in the show and thinks this exhibition offers students a unique opportunity.

"First of all, it's a good opportunity for the campus community to see some art," Hughes said. "Secondly, it's a good opportunity for area art students to communicate with other people who are doing the same things they are, and thirdly, it is great experience to enter a juried competition."

Cathy Gilbreth, junior art education major, has a piece featured in the show called "Face of Fall." The piece is a lithograph print of various tree leaves, but arranged in an artistic fashion that goes beyond their natural beauty.

The piece was originally part of an assignment for a class last semester, and she didn't expect it to be chosen for the exhibit.

"I was excited and very surprised," she said.

The exhibit's closing reception is Jan. 30 and will feature Neal and some slides of her artwork. Prizes for Best in Show, first, second and third place in both two and three dimensional categories will be given at the reception.

Funny Thing About Life: Atkins invasion

Column

DAVID HAUT
Public Forum Editor

It all started as a joke, perhaps an elaborate April Fools' prank or an attempt to get back at an Idaho potato farmer. Whatever the reason, Dr. Robert C. Atkins decided to create a diet that allowed people to eat all the foods they couldn't, and forbid them to eat the foods they could. It was going to be the greatest let-down since *Rocky III*.

But somehow, it worked. People began to lose weight. Now, years after conception, the Atkins craze has swept the nation.

All kidding aside, the Atkins diet has become a nationwide diet phenomenon, dominating restaurant billboards all over town, boasting the Atkins friendly logo as if the Atkins themselves had a close, personal relationship with the cow I am about to consume.

It's literally hit everywhere. McDonalds and Burger King have introduced the bunless burger, and Subway, the same company who screamed weight loss all the way to the bank when Jared Fogle lost 245 pounds eating a hoagie only diet, has joined the bandwagon by substituting a tortilla for the fresh baked bread it is known so well for.

And so now, everytime I go somewhere to eat, the question inevitably comes out, "would you like to try an Atkins friendly 'this?'" No, I don't. The Atkins aren't friendly. What if I want a bagel? Nope, can't have it, but you can have a steak the size of a small TV.

On that note, steakhouses and steak sales have shot up dramatically, while Idaho potato farmers have probably taken their worst hit since Dan Quayle misspelled 'potato.'

But don't take this the wrong way. I've tried the Atkins diet for about 20 minutes, then decided I wanted potatoes with my steak. I'm not trying to criticize the Atkins, just trying to grasp the concept. I'm being nice to the Atkins. I'm Atkins friendly.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

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The Butterfly Effect, Mindhunters and *Win a Date with Tad Hamilton* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Big Smith concert @ 7 p.m. @ The Kitchen Pass.

"Grease" @ 8 p.m. @ Juanita K. Hammons Hall in Springfield.

24
Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

Punk concert featuring Nothing Left to Lose, Fraggin' Monarchists, Flight 615 and Wide Awake @ 6:30 p.m. @ The Bridge.

25
Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

26
BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

27
Party Time Karaoke @ 8 p.m. @ Bronc Busters.

28
Karaoke and all-you-can-eat Tacos @ 8 p.m. @ J-Town

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. @ 2nd floor Billingsly.

29
Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

Weird News:

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Dopey Dope Fiend:

BRUSSELS- A Belgian tourist was arrested during the weekend for smuggling 250g of cabbage leaves mixed with a tiny amount of marijuana from Amsterdam to Brussels, the Dutch newspaper De Telegraaf has reported.

Railway police caught the man on an express train between the two cities and made him pay a EUR 200 fine, despite the fact that his "stash" contained such a feeble amount of intoxicating material.

People regularly travel to the Netherlands from neighbouring countries to stock up on drugs and police continually play a cat-and-mouse game with them to try and stop them getting the drugs back over the border.

Last month, the authorities caught another man in possession of an illicit bag of dried vegetable soup — for which he had apparently paid the best part of EUR 800.

World's Worst Driver:

NEW JERSEY — There are many things that cause distractions for drivers: eating, grooming, cigarette smoking, talking on the phone.

For Rithcik Ramakri of Staten Island, it may have been a speeding ticket.
South Brunswick police say Ramakri, 19, was reading a speeding ticket he had just received Tuesday morning when his Nissan Pathfinder ran into the back of a Robert Wood Johnson University ambulance at a stop light.

Neither Ramakri nor the two paramedics in the ambulance were hurt.

But when police arrived and heard Ramakri's story, he ended up getting another ticket, this time for careless driving.

Ramakri, who is scheduled to appear in municipal court on Thursday, faces up to $200 in fines.

Jonathan BeVille/The Chart

Supporters of presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass.) show their enthusiasm as they await the candidate in the ballroom of the Hotel Fort Des Moines in Des Moines, Iowa. After it was announced that Kerry had won the Iowa Caucus, he addressed his supporters for nearly an hour. Kerry is currently campaigning in New Hampshire.

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withdrawal from the race Jan. 20.

In his victory address at the Hotel Fort Des Moines in downtown Des Moines, Iowa, Kerry thanked his supporters as he stood on stage with fellow Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy and the wheelchair bound combat veteran former Georgia Sen. Max Clelland.

Kerry predicted the race for the Whitehouse would focus largely on national security, and said he welcomed the debate.

He said the current administration has no choice but to run on national security.

"They can't run on jobs; they can't run on health care, and they certainly can't run on having left no child behind," Kerry said.

Kerry also poked fun at the President's own aircraft carrier landing saying, "I know something about aircraft carriers."

Kerry served in the Navy during Vietnam, and his military service and experience in foreign affairs are cited by caucus voters as reasons for their support of his campaign.

"We're voting to elect a global leader and he is one," said Jodi Frederickson, junior history major at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa.

Frederickson was among several Simpson College students who came to show their support for Kerry, both at the polls and at the night's festivities.

Nick Webb, freshman political science major, said he supports Kerry because he finds his personality encouraging.

"He will sit down and talk to you," Webb said.

"He really seems to care about the youth of America."

Kerry's message in his speech was not directed entirely at the Bush Campaign.

The Iowa Caucus fell on Martin Luther King Jr. Day this year, and the senator recognized the work of King in his address.

"And for those of us following in the footsteps of Martin Luther King, we still have a dream," he said.

Shelley Schultz came from Boston to show her support for Kerry. She said Kerry is ready to be president.

"That means a lot," Schultz said. "We don't need any on-the-job training."

With a host of candidates seeking the Democratic nomination, and President George W. Bush running unopposed within his own party, Iowa Republicans spent the day reinforcing their strength.

"[Voters] will be attending their caucuses this evening to go through the formal process of nominating the president for reelection," said Kristen Scuderi, spokesperson for the Republican Party of Iowa.

Scuderi said Iowa Republicans would also make decisions on the party platform.

Many nationally known Republicans, such as Mary Matalin and former New York City Mayor Rudy Guilliani, were on hand throughout the state making their presence known.

In the 2000 election, Al Gore won the state by less than 2,000 votes.

The next step in the presidential nominating process is the New Hampshire Primary, which will be held Jan. 27.

The Chart will taking A Closer Look at the New Hampshire Primary in next week's edition.

Michelle Conty, coordinating editor for The Chart, contributed to this story.

Firing range receives face-lift over break

BY JESSICA MACINTOSH
Online Editor

The criminal justice department's firing range received a makeover during the winter break.

"One of the things we noticed is the range is starting to require more and more maintenance and would not last a full year," said Wayne Thomason, assistant professor and director of the law enforcement academy.

"It was used up and not efficient," said Tia Strait, dean of the school of technology.

The decision to update the range was agreed on in March 2003. Strait said a state grant was submitted in May 2003 and was approved in August.

Thomason said the range cost about $85,000 to update. He said the firing range requires maintenance every year.

He said there were several factors that played a part in updating the range.

"When the range was originally installed, it was installed to handle 50,000 rounds per year," he said. "It had been 150,000 rounds over a three-year period."

One reason the firing range had to be updated was an increase in the number of hours of firearms training.

"(This) meant we were shooting more rounds," Thomason said.

The second reason for the update was a law that mandated there must be continuing education for law enforcement officers, and this also required firearms training.

"Every police officer has additional firearms training every year," he said. "That significantly increased the number of officers shooting on the range and the amount of rounds being shot on the range."

The department ran a statistical analysis, finding how many rounds were fired on the range.

"We were shooting 100,000 to 120,000 rounds about every three years," he said.

The firing range was "totally retrofitted," Thomason said.

The old bullet trap was taken out, and a new bullet trap was installed. Along with the bullet trap, the targets had been removed, and a new targeting system took its place. The controller was upgraded and now uses an IBM computer and software.

"It is less maintenance," Thomason said. "The firearms training is more reflective of what is happening on the street rather than just shooting at targets."

Because the maintenance on the range was done over the winter break, Thomason said not many students have had the chance to see it yet.

With the updated firing range, it will benefit those on and off-campus.

"The range is state-of-the-art," Thomason said. "We use the range for the phases of the criminal justice program."

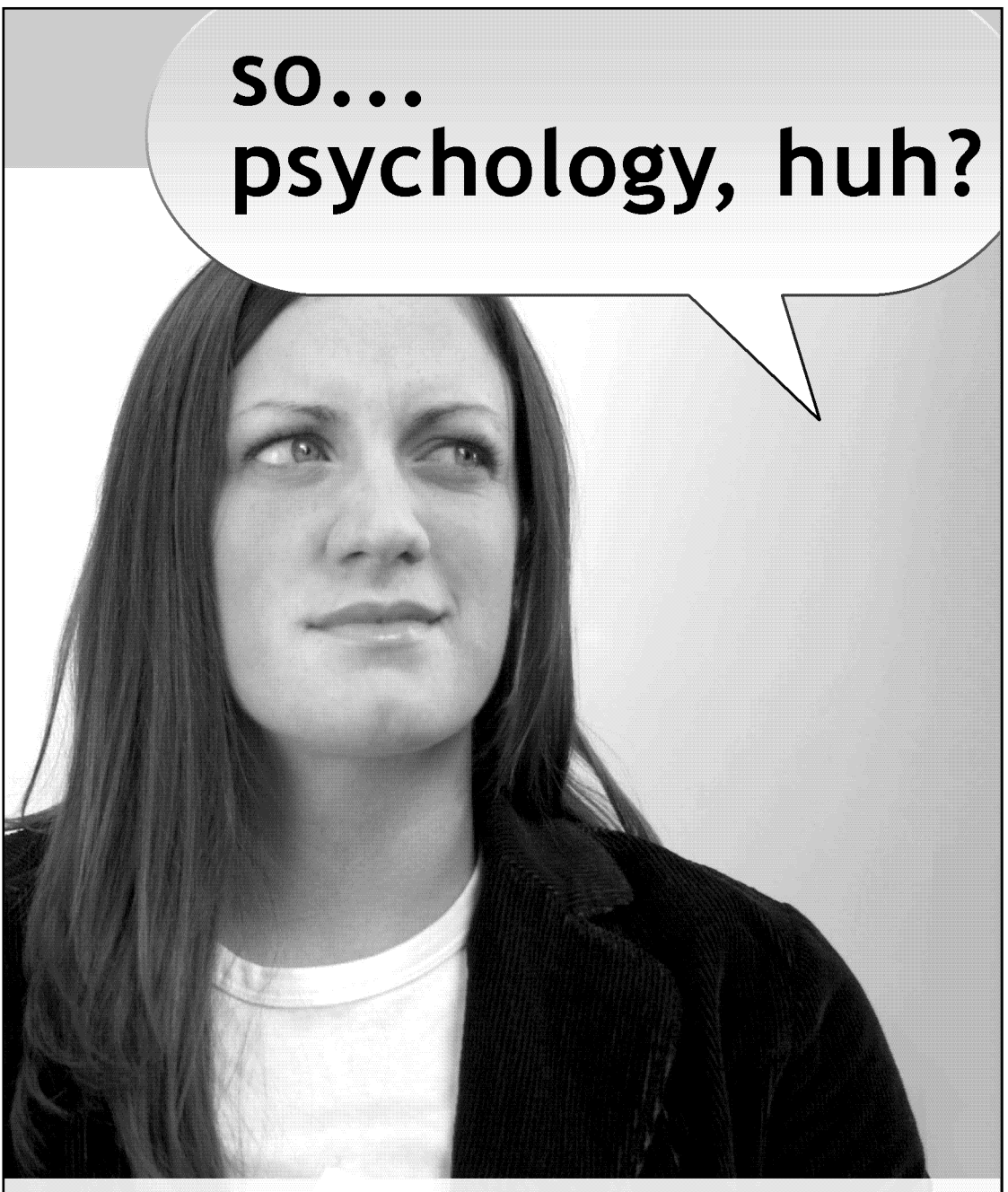
Those that benefit from the firing range include law enforcement, the continuing education students and the concealed-carry trainees.

"Citizens from all over Central and Southwest Missouri participate in concealed training," he said.

"I was excited that concealed-carry training gave us another opportunity to serve the citizens of the state of Missouri. It opened the door."

The criminal justice department, along with the update to the range, will continue to upgrade and update other parts of the criminal justice program.

"We are always looking for new technology; keep up with our technology," Thomason said.



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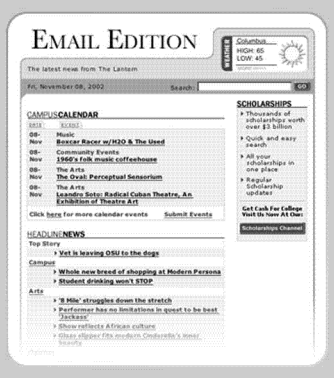

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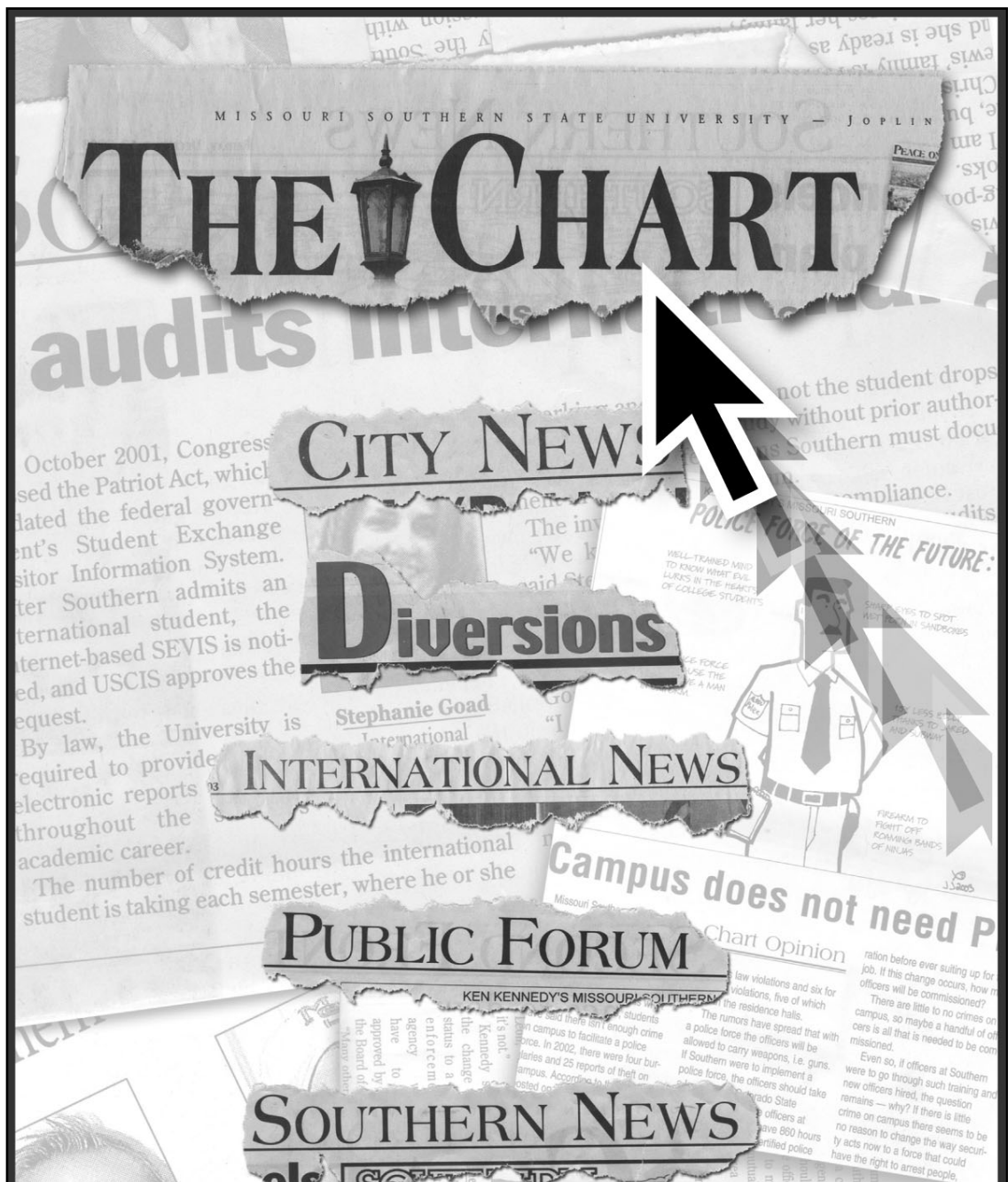

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Holden calls for peace in speech

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

Gov. Bob Holden's State of the State address Jan. 21, began with sympathy directed to the fallen soldiers from the state of Missouri.

Holden said Missouri leaders should not compare politics to war.

"Let us begin anew and put reason above rancor," he said. "Let us pledge unrelenting efforts for shared progress for every citizen of Missouri."

Later in his address, however, Holden switched gears from that of a bipartisan discussion to more of a politically motivated speech.

He directed his attack at Republican legislators concerning controversial funding issues in education.

"Some of you obviously think there is courage in cutting education funding," Holden said.

"But where is the courage in merely shifting the burden onto local governments? Where is the courage in forcing your local constituents to raise property tax? And where is the courage in siding with gambling and tobacco interests over the welfare of our children in public schools?"

Holden said he would not rest until funding was restored.

During his address, Holden was interrupted by House Speaker Pro Tem Rod Jetton (R-Marble Hills.

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>
> **Gov. Bob Holden**
> *Missouri Governor*

"Release the funds governor," Jetton said.

Veteran statehouse observers said it was the first time they could remember such an outburst during the governor's State of the State address.

Holden proposed a package of tax increases that would raise $635 million per year.

At his news conference following his address, Holden said he hoped to fund education through what he termed the "least painful means possible" - increasing casino taxes and the cigarette tax (Missouri has the sixth lowest cigarette tax in the country); closing corporate loopholes; and raising the income tax on the top 1.4 percent of the population who earned more than $200,000 a year.

"Last year those of you on the other side of the aisle chose to defend corporate loopholes at the expense of our children's education. You have to live with that vote," Holden said.

He commented on the consequence of cuts to education made last year, the 1,400 teachers who lost their jobs, the 20 percent rise in college tuition, the overcrowding of public schools and the closing of alternative schools.

House Speaker Catherine Hanaway made the Republican rebuttal to Holden's address.

"You bring superintendents and teachers away form school and into the galleries only to cheer for tax increases when you fill the air with untruths, with half truths, misleading statements that your own budget book doesn't bear out," Hanaway said.

In her speech, Hanaway asked Holden where the courage was in misleading the citizens of Missouri.

Holden signed into law the state budget for 2004 which was passed by the legislature.

The budget increased funding to education by $186 million more than the money spent in 2003.

Representatives argued the governor is trying to cover his own cuts by referring back to the fiscal year 2003 appropriations and ignoring the $98 million he withheld from education that year. He cut education again this year by withholding $197 million from elementary and secondary schools.

After the addresses, Jetton picked up where he left off when he interrupted the governor's address.

"We want to be partners with this Governor in solving the state's toughest problems," he said.

"We passed tort reform, foster care reform, unemployment compensation reform and small business regulatory relief, and the governor vetoed every one of these measures. We will keep trying to work with the governor. But, we will not leave these problems unaddressed."

The question was raised whether or not his outburst in the middle of the State of the State address was appropriate.

"I've never made the kind of hurtful accusations that the governor did and if I ever do I would want some one to call me on it too." Jetton said. "I can't have him degrade us and tell untruths about us."

Local politicians also voiced their opinions about the morning's events.

"I was upset by the attitude and tenor of the Governor's delivery," said Rep. Bryan P. Stevenson (R-Webb City).

"It was not befitting the decorum of the House, and I was very disappointed by

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House bill could limit state funded protections

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

Kevin Wilson, (R-Neosho), introduced a bill this session that would prevent public institution receiving state funds from engaging in anti-discrimination practices that are deemed excessive.

Similar legislation was introduced last year that dealt strictly with educational institutions. The bill was introduced after a man dressed as a woman accompanied his daughter on a school field trip.

Wilson, who serves on the education committee, supported the bill.

"What really concerns me is what bathroom did that parent use?" Wilson said.

The bill did not pass and since then the University of Missouri —Columbia has created an anti-discrimination policy that classifies lesbians, homosexuals, bisexuals, and transgender as a special protected class.

The bill introduced this year would include not only schools, but also any other state funded organization.

"This exceeds federal guidelines for protective classes," Wilson said. "It is not just an education issue. Any time you add another protective class to a non-discrimination policy, you open the state up to new law suits.

"You create a reason for them to sue. It is an economic issue for the state."

Marilyn Ruestman, (R-Joplin), said she agreed with the bill.

"I think that to use taxpayers money to fund this would be a discrimination," Ruestman said.

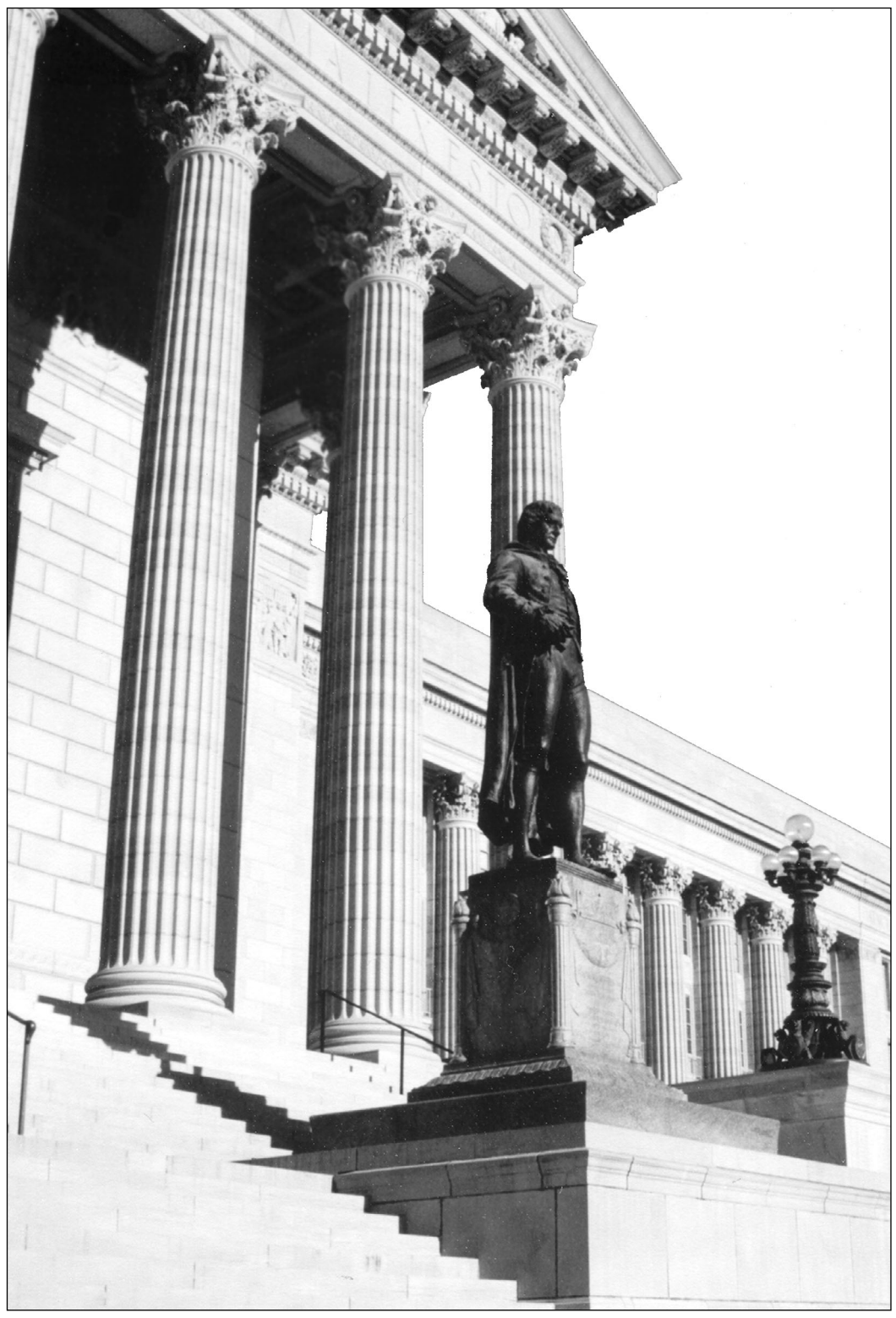
"Because a certain segment is being set aside to get funds, being made into a minority. I don't care how people choose to live, but I don't think taxpayer's money should be used for or against any group. I wouldn't support it if we had a lot of money in the budget."

"I let local institutions do what they want to do," said Rep. Ron Richard, R-Newton County. "They are putting gays and lesbians in the same category with race, creed and religion. Let the curators, the boards and the presidents make these decisions.

"They can have that argument. I'm just not sure I want to force people to do these things."

The bill had its second reading Jan. 9 on the floor of the Missouri House of Representatives.

It has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.



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The House of Representatives and Senate meet regularly inside the capitol building.

House bill set for University's Board of Governor members

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

District 32 Missouri Senator Gary Nodler, has introduced Senate Bill 0768 that would "articulate new qualifications for the board of governors of Missouri Southern."

The proposed bill would replace the college Board of Regents with a Board of Governors.

The new board would include seven voting members and one none voting.

The Board of Governors will include five members from the local area and two from outside. The bill would also allow for the increase of representation from the counties with the closest relationship to the University.

"The language concerning state-wide board of editors restricts the number of governors from any one county to only two, that is problematic," Nodler said.

"The historic region of Missouri Southern is Jasper County, so if you can't have more than two people from anyone county, and since this region is essentially one county, we have to change the law."

Gary Nodler
State Senator

The work force development region would be the region used to determine county requirements for representation at the University.

This bill would also grandfather current board members in regard to the county residency requirement.

Current members of the Board of Regents who are fulfilling unexpired terms of other members may be reappointed without it counting against the number limit from the county they represent.

The bill had its second reading Jan. 8, where it was referred to an Education Committee.

House battles identity theft

BY KARENA WELLS
State News Editor

In 2002 an estimated seven million Americans were victims of identity theft. Social Security numbers, credit cards and bank accounts are just a few targets.

Once criminals have access to personal information they can destroy credit, drain bank accounts or even cause the individuals to be arrested for a crime they did not commit.

On Jan. 13 the Missouri House of Representatives passed a bill that will make identity theft a Class B felony punishable by four years to life in prison depending on the severity of the theft. Prior to the bill being passed, identity theft was only a misdemeanor and had a sentence limited to one year in jail for a second-time offender.

Critics of the bill questioned whether using another person's identification should warrant a felony. It was disputed whether an 18 year old using another person's ID to purchase alcohol should face such a heavy sentence.

Local representatives were present Jan. 13 at the House chamber when the House made the final decision.

"I like this legislation," said Rep. Kevin Wilson (R-Neosho). "We need protection against identity theft."

Rep. Bryan P. Stevenson (R-Webb City) agreed.

"I think it is an important bill," he said "I think it is one of the most important pieces of legislation we have this year.

"There are certain pieces of legislation that are specifically designed to protect the citizens of our state. I think it is the appropriate time for this bill.

"It will make it a little more difficult for college students to get fake driver's licenses; I think for that, the prosecutor should have discretion. I think that it will be a determinate to underage drinking. I think we need to look carefully at everything we make a felony, but in this case I believe it is appropriate."

Wilson agreed.

"I think it will decrease underage drinking," he said.

"The bill's intent is if I take your identity and use it; it should be a felony. If I am 21 and you are 18 and you use my ID, I'm not sure if that is a felony. If you are still identifying yourself, just making yourself older. I don't think that should be the same thing."

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Governor recognizes excellent faculty

Gov. Bob Holden recognized 70 outstanding faculty from Missouri's postsecondary schools, colleges and universities during the 2003 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching luncheon in Springfield.

Effective teaching, innovation in course design and delivery, effective advising, service to the institution's community, and commitment to high standards of excellence were the criteria used by institutions to select a recipient from their campus.

During his address, Holden praised faculty for the work that they do educating Missouri's workforce.

Following his address, Holden recognized the faculty with the 2003 Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Arthur Saltzman, professor English, received the award for Missouri Southern.

CBHE vote to conduct election for college

The decision to approve the establishment of a community college at Lake of the Ozarks now resides with the citizens of the Camdenton R-3 and School of the Osage R-2 school districts. This comes after the Coordinating Board for Higher Education voted, via conference call, on Nov. 4, 2003, to call an election on April 6, the date of the regularly scheduled municipal election, for citizens in these school districts to vote on whether a community college taxing district will be established.

The Lake of the Ozarks Community College Steering Committee is anxious for this community college to be a model of the future. That model will involve significant reliance on technology for the development of instruction and training, as well as provide opportunities for area residents to learn and study in topics related to the entertainment, hospitality, and other industries located in the Lake of the Ozarks region of the state.

Overseeing the process, the CBHE is responsible for determining if a proposed district meets the criteria described in the board's administrative rule for establishing a community college. If the proposal meets the standards, the CBHE is then responsible for calling an election, among registered voters of the proposed district, on the question of establishing a new community college taxing district.

Increasing graduates may benefit economy

According to the Closing the College Participation Gap study released Oct. 1, 2003, by the Education Commission of the States, by the year 2015, Missouri would need to increase the number of students completing college by 181,647 to match the participation rate of the best-performing states identified in the study.

In addition to reduced individual opportunity, this college success gap could be costing the Missouri economy more than $37 billion a year, according to a study conducted for the Missouri Department of Higher Education. The Missouri report, conducted by Dr. Michael Podgursky from the Department of Economics at the University of Missouri-Columbia for the department, associated a 1-percent increase in the percent of Missourians completing a four-year degree with an increase of total personal income of $2.5 billion in the state. Greater completion of two-year degrees results in higher personal income increases as well.

Wilson also cited concerns both in Missouri and nationally about the participation in higher education of qualified minority, low-income and first members of a family to attend college.

For a copy of the Closing the College Participation Gap study, visit the Education Commissions of the States' Web site at www.ecs.org.

Speech squad places second in competition

BY MONIQUE JAMERSON
Staff Writer

It's business as usual for the Missouri Southern Speech and Debate Squad.

On Dec. 4-8, the Southern Speech and Debate Squad competed in the Ohio State University and Otterbein College speech competition and placed second in the overall sweepstakes category.

Kelly Larson, assistant professor of communications and director of forensics, said it was a good showing by Southern in a big tournament.

OHS hosts one of the five largest speech and debate tournaments in the country, and Southern is usually the smallest school that goes to tournament Larson said.

Jason Edgar, senior speech communication major, said he did well in the December competition.

Kelly Larson
Director of Forensics

Edgar competed in the duo interpretation and finished in fifth place.

"The debate team members have great expectations that they will win when they go to a tournament," Larson said.

Although the team has had plenty of success recently, it also has things to work on.

"The weakness of the squad is that we have so many good people and not all of them can move on to the next round, but this is also one of our strengths because we have a lot of good debaters," Edgar said.

Larson said teaching the newcomers how to socially adapt to each other, helping them learn the social rules of being a college debater and getting the new members to adapt to the judging pool will be crucial to the team's future success.

"The top four or five squad members model the correct behavior for the newcomers," Larson said.

Currently, Southern ranks third in the country.

This year is geared toward winning the title at the National Forensics Association tournament in Providence, R.I.

"In preparation for competitions and being ranked third in the country, it is necessary the team cuts evidence and researches the competing schools," Edgar said.

On Feb. 14-15, the squad has a tournament in Boston, which it was victorious in last year.

Before heading to Boston, the squad will go to Webster University in St. Louis Jan. 31 for another tournament.

"We are taking nothing but the best," Edgar said.

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Ware was offered the position after the three finalists (Jim Svoboda offensive coordinator at Northwest Missouri State University; R.E. "Rocky" Hager, tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator at Temple University; and Keith Baxter, head football coach at Southwest Oklahoma State University) turned down the job. Svoboda said he turned down the job because it was a career choice and that it had nothing to do with Southern or the community.

Hager and Baxter were unable to be reached for comment.

Neece said he believes Baxter turned down the job because SOSU offered him more to stay as head coach and Hager denied the position because of his family.

"If his (Ware's) application would have came in a little earlier, he would have been up somewhere in the pecking order a little different," Neece said.

"It looks like he was a last resort, but he probably wouldn't have been a last resort."

Ware said he applied for the job because when he and his wife talked about retiring to a certain location or to a place that they enjoyed, they always talked about the Joplin-Springfield area.

"When I came down and interviewed, I was very impressed with the area and very impressed with the potential of the program," Ware said.

"I was really impressed with the commitment from the administration to try and get this program turned around and tried to get it heading toward a positive direction."

For the future he said to look for improvement in the next season, but he did not know if the program will have a winning season.

IRAQ:

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down a small downtown Baghdad street with 20 tractor trailers and hundreds of Iraqis staring at you," Spicer said.

As challenging as her journey in Iraq has been, Spicer said she's proud of her accomplishments and what she's doing overseas.

"The deployment has given me a deep appreciation for my country and my family," she said. "Seeing how another country has to struggle for the basic necessities while we have such abundance in the United States is an eye-opening experience."

Spicer hopes to come home to Missouri by June. It's not guaranteed, but for now, that's what she's being told.

And when that time comes, she's looking forward to a hot shower and seeing her family.

"The first thing I am going to do when I get home is hug my husband and children," she said. "After that, I am up for anything they want to do."

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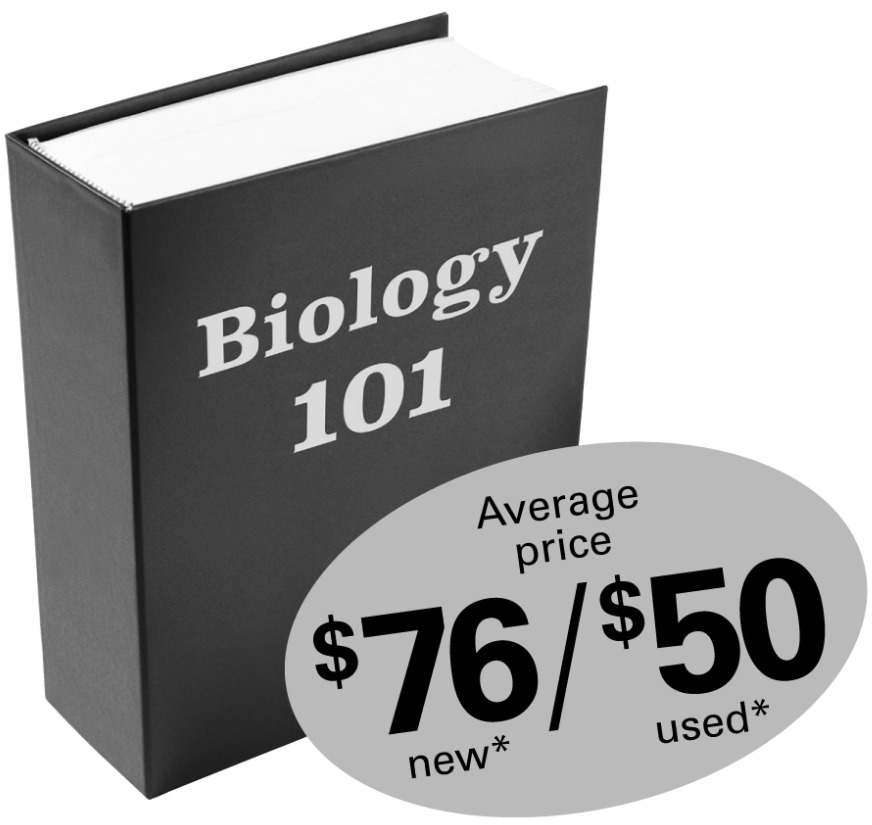

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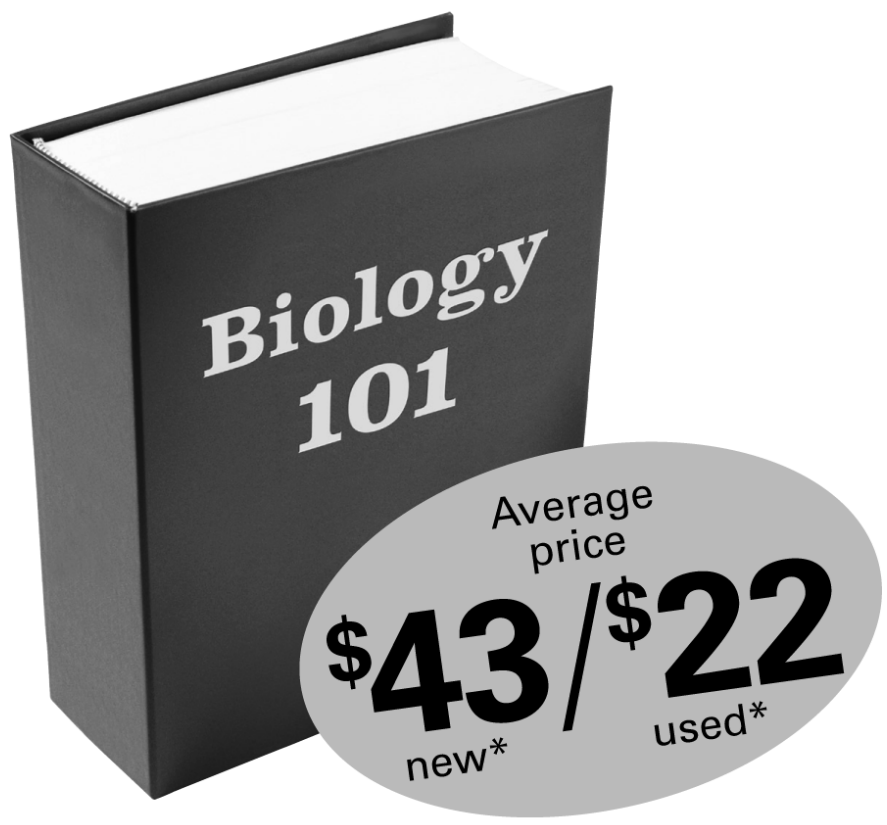

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Colin Powell, the Tuskegee airmen, the 101st Massachusetts, the Little Rock students, Marian Anderson, Sidney Poitier, Joe Louis, Bessie Smith and Charles Richard Drew.

This list was the result of a spontaneous assignment given to ten senior students. I was impressed.

Without doubt, there are other significant names overlooked.

But the point was to emphasize the many contributions which African Americans have made throughout our history, Dr. King notwithstanding.

In retrospect, perhaps it's just as well that classes are not dismissed.

This year especially Dr. King's holiday seemed a catalyst for sharing, learning and appreciation.

Hopefully the "teaching moment" which occurred in our social studies methods class will be an inspiration and reference for these future teachers, thanks to Dr. King and Dr. Cade.

SEARCH:

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for academic affairs and dean of college at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo.; Dr. Richard McCallum, associate vice president for academic affairs at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, Conn.; and Dr. Larry Harris, dean for the college of education at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho.

Dr. Terri Agee
Vice President for Business Affairs

All in all, Southern received about 60 applicants from around the country and two applicants were outside the United States.

"We had a really good variety of applicants," Agee said. "We had some from private and public institutions."

Dr. Larry Martin, Southern's last vice president for academic affairs, retired in May 2003 when the position was temporarily filled by Griffin. Agee said the candidates excelled in all areas of the screening process in which the VP search committee was looking for.

"All of the candidates have excellent references," she said. "They are all highly recommended."

The four candidates will undergo an individual interview process on campus along with a tour of the campus and will have meetings with Agee, University President Julio León and the Board of Governors.

McCallum was the first candidate for the screening process, which was held Jan. 22. Griffin's interview will be Jan. 29, Harris's on Feb. 3 and Wilson's will be Feb. 5.

In conjunction with the tour of the campus and administrative meetings, a student and faculty open forum is also being set up to help the candidates familiarize themselves with students and faculty members.

"I think it's extremely important to get input from students and faculty and see how the candidates interact with them," Agee said.

León will make the final decision.

Dr. Mark Comstock, accounting department chair and Faculty Senate president, is on the search committee and will meet all the candidates.

"All four of them have excellent credentials," Comstock said.

"Each one appears to be highly qualified."

Comstock said he thinks it's important for students and faculty to be able to meet the candidates.

"Students and faculty are important in this process," he said.

"We're very excited about the caliber of the candidates."

Dr. Terri Agee
Vice President for Business Affairs

Missouri economy gains, nation's loses

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

The Missouri economy has not seen the same drop in certain economic indicators that the national level has, a state official said.

Missouri added more than 30,000 new jobs between the months of January and November 2003. Missouri had the eighth highest increase in the job market per states.

"We (Missourians) are seeing good economic momentum," said Jim Grebing, director of communications for the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Grebing said the state is ahead of the national level in economic recovery. He said a record number of new businesses have been added and that the personal income growth of the state has been greater than the national growth average.

Also, the state's unemployment level was nine-tenths of a percentage below the national level in November of 2003.

The Joplin area has been among the leaders in the state's growth.

"Joplin is a good regional trade area," Grebing said.

He said the Joplin-area job market is not reliant on any one sector of business.

"This speaks well for a good quality of life," he said.

Another factor Grebing pointed out for the growth is the age range in the population statistics.

Census Bureau statistics show that 38.1 percent of the Joplin-area population in the year 2000 was 44 years or older. Also, 32.3 percent of the population was 25 and younger.

"People are moving and staying there (Joplin)," Grebing said.

Jobs are also moving to Joplin.

Systems and Services Technology has decided to come to the Joplin area. When the company comes, it will add 500 new jobs within the next few years.

Jim O' Brian, president of the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, said that though the area has seen some job loss in recent years, people are starting to gain confidence in the rising economy.

"The demand is there," O'Brian said.

He said some sectors of the businesses will slow down, but others will pick up again.

He said more businesses will be adding jobs as their confidence rises.

"It's (building confidence) actually pretty typical of an early economic recovery," O'Brian said.

O'Brian said job seekers should work harder for a job though.

"It's (economic growth) still not across the board," he said.

He said that students and other job seekers should know that they might not be able to find the ideal job, though there are jobs out there.

He said competition rises in a smaller job market and companies are taking a closer look at the résumés, grades and determination of students looking for jobs. He also gave students advice for their job search.

"They shouldn't get discouraged," he said. "They should be more aggressive in their search."

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the attitude and the tactics taken."

"I was very disappointed that the untruths were told. The legislature did not cut education. The legislature appropriated to education at the same level.

"The governor withheld $210 million from education that he still has available that he can currently release to education. Tax increases would not be necessary if he would release the funds appropriated last year."

Stevenson said Holden's budget office has documents which show the state has brought in more than 5.5 percent more revenue than last year in the first seven months.

Rep. Marilyn Ruestman called for a reevaluation of funds that are being spent.

"There are superintendents that retire, drawing full retirement and then are hired back on a salary," Ruestman said.

"He made it pretty plain this morning that he wants to do battle, but wait a minute, he didn't want a war, just a battle."

It is not completely clear what if any decrease Missouri Southern State University will have in funding.

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NICE HANDS

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Julia Church, sophomore political science major, makes a wax hand Jan. 21 in the BSC.

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RUSSIA:

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market economy.

"Russia still has a number of unresolved issues," Stebbins said.

He thinks the semester will fit well at Southern.

"Russia still has quite a bit of mystique to it," he said. "It should interest students and faculty."

Fall 2004 will be Southern's eighth themed semester. The Institute has already started forming the Russia Semester planning committee. All departments are allowed to send a representative.

Also announced were the themes for the fall 2005 and 2006 semesters. Fall 2005 will be the Mexico Semester, and fall 2006 will be the France Semester.

León, who chooses the themes after consulting with faculty members, said he chose Mexico because it is a "very important country to the United States."

Stebbins said it was believed fall 2004 would be the Mexico Semester, but it was delayed because of 2003's Cuba theme.

Stebbins said some faculty members lobbied León to choose France for the next themed semester.

They argued Southern not had a European country-themed semester, though Russia will satisfy this argument.

Stebbins said León thought the timing was not right for a France Semester "given the feelings of some Americans."

"France and America have always been on the same side," Stebbins said.

"France has always been our ally."

He said even though France did not support U.S. military action against Iraq, the two nations have never fought against each other.

León said he chose France because of the "desire to go to Europe and study a European country." He said Europe has "rich" culture and history that can be studied and explored.

"All three countries are very important to the United States for one reason or another," León said. "Those are three interesting countries, and I look forward to them."

Stebbins believes this is the second time three semesters have been named at one time. He said knowing the semesters in advance is "very helpful" because it allows everyone on campus to think ahead, submit ideas and come up with course offerings to follow the themes.

León said he announced three semesters for the purpose of planning ahead.

The National Association of Foreign Student Advisers: Association of International Educators will profile Southern's themed semesters for its "Internationalizing the Campus Report 2004."

"[The themed semesters] are the primary way we internationalize the campus," Stebbins said. "Through the themed semesters we bring the world to the campus."

LION STATS

Men's Basketball

Jan. 21 Results

MSSU (88)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Cavness	6-8	2-3	17
Rose	5-9	0-0	10
Redmond	9-10	0-0	18
Watts	2-10	0-0	5
Ocasio	4-11	3-5	15
Jones	1-5	0-0	2
Sherrell	4-6	0-0	11
Engelken	2-6	0-0	6
Jones	2-3	0-0	4

ESU (91)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Shaw	4-9	1-2	11
Perris	4-9	0-2	8
Travis	5-11	3-4	15
Patton	3-10	2-4	10
Vincent	7-12	1-1	19
Desir	0-0	0-0	0
Miller	4-6	2-2	11
Blevins	3-3	0-0	8
Webb	2-2	2-2	7
Herrman	1-2	0-0	2

MSSU	**43**	**45**	**— 88**
ESU	**43**	**48**	**— 91**

Women's Basketball

Jan. 21 Results

MSSU (57)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Wilson	2-6	1-2	5
Harrell	1-2	2-2	4
Koenig	3-6	7-7	14
Greninger	1-4	0-0	3
Hallman	10-23	4-5	25
Gossard	0-0	0-0	0
Coston	0-3	0-0	0
Deen	2-7	0-0	6
Grosse	0-0	0-0	0
Adkison	0-2	0-0	0
Christiansen	0-4	0-0	0

ESU (78)

Player	fg-fga	ft-fta	tp
Henningsen	3-6	4-4	10
McNeal	4-4	8-10	16
Patry	1-6	2-2	5
Brown	2-7	2-3	6
McAlexander	3-13	1-1	7
Bessey	2-3	0-0	4
Dorsey	2-3	0--0	4
Vargas-Sanchez	4-4	0-0	8
Pauly	0-1	0-0	0
Tennal	5-11	6-6	18

MSSU	**36**	**21**	**— 57**
ESU	**39**	**39**	**— 78**

Southern Schedule

Jan. 23

MSSU/Radio Shack Invitational @ 5 p.m. @ Southern

Jan. 24

MSSU/Radio Shack Invitational @ 11 a.m. @ Southern

Women's Basketball @ 5:30 p.m. @ Washburn

Men's basketball @ 7:30 p.m. @ Washburn.

Jan. 28

Women's Basketball @ 5:30 p.m. vs Missouri-Rolla

Men's Basketball @ 7:30 p.m. vs Missouri-Rolla

Lions gain motivation

BY TESHA MORGAN
Staff Writer

After losing four consecutive games, the women's basketball team pulled out of its slump. On Jan. 17, the Lions beat the Southwest Baptist University Lady Bearcats 56-43.

"That win felt good," said Wyketha Harrell, senior forward. "It wasn't a championship win, but it was a needed win."

This win brought the Lions up to 11-4.

"The losses, they wear on you," said Maryann Mitts, women's basketball head coach. "We're 11 and 4, but when you're losing you feel like you're 4 and 11."

The Lions basketball program is currently trying to rise up and make a name for themselves in its conference. Currently ranked seventh in the conference the Lions have several goals to focus on in order to achieve a higher ranking.

"Our goal right now is to get better every game," Mitts said. "We want to get to the middle of the conference right now. Our goal at the beginning of the season was to get to the NCAA Tournament and that hasn't changed. Although we've lost a string of straight ones, this is still a good basketball team and we just need to keep improving."

The lost games have served as motivation for the team.

"You have to look at losing as a learning experience," said Carol Koenig, sophomore guard. "We learn from our mistakes. I look at a loss as motivation to improve from that past game."

While, the losses have tested the team's character, it has prevailed.

"After a win there's no question about your spirit," said Vonny Wilson, junior guard/forward. "It's after a loss that your spirit is tested and you have to pull through as a team."

On Jan. 21, the Lions were scheduled to go up against the undefeated Emporia State University.

"We will have a very tough basketball game Wednesday," Mitts said. "Our next two opponents are in the top of the nation. They're very good basketball teams, they are at the top of our conference, and it's on the road. Any time you go on the road it can get tough. We're not going to these places thinking we can't win, but we know we'll have to play nearly perfect to make it happen."

"I'm very confident [about the game against Emporia]," Harrell said. "Our coaches have us well prepared. As long as we're ready to play we'll have a victory."

Unfortunately, Harrell's prediction of a victory was not realized come Jan. 21. The Lions lost to ESU, 78-57.

"We gave great effort," Mitts said.

"We played 35 minutes of great basketball. Our team did a great job of competing tonight."

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Aubrie Hallman, junior guard, goes for a lay up during the Jan. 16 game against Southwestern Baptist University. The Lions defeated the Bearcats, 64-52.

Women's track team strides into top 10

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

When the dust settled in Fayetteville on Jan. 17, the Missouri Southern women's indoor track and field team was left with two qualifiers for the national tournament and nine top 10 finishes in individual events after a day of tough competition.

"For our upperclassmen, they're used to that type of competition," said Patty Vavra, head coach, Missouri Southern women's indoor track and field. "For the freshmen and the new comers, I think that it's always an eye opener."

The women also took second in the distance medley, finishing less than half a minute behind the team from Louisiana State University.

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>
> **Danee Jones**
> *Junior Thrower*

"I think that we can compete against anybody," said Danee Jones, junior thrower.

The Arkansas Invitational was hosted by the University of Arkansas. Southern was the only Division II university invited to the event, which featured such schools as Southwest Missouri State University, Oklahoma State University, the University of Mississippi and the University of Tulsa.

"When you open up in that type of a competitive setting and you have good competition and great performances, it can do an awful lot for your confidence going into the remainder of the season," Vavra said.

On Friday and Saturday, the women will again take to the confines of the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center to represent the Lions in the Radio Shack/Missouri Southern All-Comers Invitational.

There will be about 13 schools in attendance, and the ladies feel good about a repeat of last week's performances.

"We have to realize that as long as we stay strong we'll be able to go up there and compete with anybody," said Iashia Castle, sophomore jumper and sprinter.

The team is also looking at having two national qualifiers after the first meet as a big challenge to them personally.

"It motivates me a lot," Castle said. "If they can do it in the first meet, then I definitely feel that I have a chance of doing it."

Events on Friday begin at 5 p.m. at the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center, with Saturday's start time set at 11 a.m.

Adam Fast/The Chart

Hiram Ocasio, junior guard, takes the ball down the court Jan. 21 during the Southwest Baptist University game. Ocasio moved up to second in all-time steals in Missouri Southern history.

Ocasio places second in steals list

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Executive Editor

After rounding out a perfect sweep against the Southwest Baptist University Bearcats, Missouri Southern's men basketball team went hunting for a second win, but came up short.

The Emporia State University Hornets shut down the Lions, 91-88. Head coach Robert Corn said the the thing that hurt the team the most were turnovers.

"Looking back at a three point loss, the thing that stands out the most was the turnovers," Corn said. "We had 21 turnovers."

During the game against ESU, junior guard Hiram Ocasio moved up to second place on the all-time steals list for Southern. Ocasio currently holds 163 steals, 220 short of the record held by Eddin Santiago. He is currently averaging 2.2 steals per game.

Corn said Ocasio is no longer "gambling" with taking those opportunities. Before the ESU game, Southern defeated SBU, 96-66. Corn said one of the things that stands out from the Bearcats game was the defensive play.

The Lions will be in action Saturday at Washburn University.

Southern track squad places top in national competition

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

The Missouri Southern men's track and field squad opened the 2004 season by facing off against some of the toughest competition in the country.

On Jan. 17, the Lions were in Fayetteville for the Arkansas Invitational, hosted by the University of Arkansas.

"We were the only Division II team there," said Tom Rutledge, head coach.

The team faced off against Division I opponents such as the University of Arkansas, the University of Kansas, Louisiana State University, and Mississippi State University. But the team hopes by opening the season with tough competition, it will be better prepared for the upcoming conference match ups.

"The competition is so stiff," said Michael Stewart, junior triple jumper.

"Our conference has some stiff competition too, so it is a very good to prepare for the season with."

The men had their first qualifier for the national tournament of the season in Arley Smith. The senior weight thrower threw for a distance of 17.98 meters, which put him in first place in the event, and several more top 10 finishes in other events.

"We have good athletes," Rutledge said.

"Our kids have worked very hard, and we've been very fortunate in track and field. We are a force to be reckoned with. We have good numbers, we've got good work ethic, and we've got good facilities and when you put all of those together, it helps."

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>
> **Tom Rutledge**
> *Head Coach*

But the men are quick to attribute there success elsewhere.

"He (Rutledge) is everything," Stewart said. "He is our inspiration; he keeps us in line. Without him, this team would probably fall apart. He is our heart and our soul."

"He (Rutledge) means everything to us," said Moses Manga, sophomore sprinter.

The next meet the Southern men will compete in will be on Friday and Saturday, when they host the MSSU/Radio Shack Invitational. "It's going to be a full field," Rutledge said. "We have about 13 colleges and universities coming in, and we'll have quite a packed house on Friday and Saturday."

"We are just going to treat it like any other meet," Stewart said. "But this is probably more special, because it is at home."

Competition begins at 5 p.m. on Friday and lasts until approximately 8:30 p.m.

The meet will resume again on Saturday at 11 a.m. and wraps up around 6:15 p.m.